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Balmoral Hall School is dedicated to the education of girls and young women in preparation for entrance into university so that they might lead satisfying personal and successful professional lives. Balmoral Hall thus prepares young women for academic, social and leadership success in our changing world.

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Message from the Editors . . .

Megan Hargrove and Crystal Bewza
Yearbook Editors

When I first thought about being a part of the 98-99 yearbook I didn't think that it would be that bad. I mean, there were some advantages to be had, after all. You got your own photocopy number, access to the school on the weekend (although I never figured out if that was a blessing or a curse), your very own office to call home, and, most importantly, absolute control over the yearbook. There were the obvious drawbacks though: deadlines, constantly chasing after people for their articles (if you think nagging the Heads of School for their articles was easy, think again) but overall it shouldn't be too bad, last year's editors survived, did they not? As you probably gathered by now, the yearbook was very challenging and a ton of work, but if you're holding it in your hands right now and enjoying it, it was definitely worth it!

Of course, this wouldn't be possible without the help of a multitude of people. So thanks to Ms. Bonnett, who is responsible for holding the yearbook together in times of peril. A thank you to Mme. Gerrard for being so great about getting pictures and write-ups from Jr. School, even at the absolute last minute possible and for being so amazingly organized. A thank you to Kate M. for all the effort she put into making this yearbook; to the yearbook staff for the time they put in; a big thank you to people who submitted pictures and things without EVER being asked for it or nagged half a million times (Mrs. McDonald, I nearly went into shock when you gave me everything we needed for the Spain/France trip UNASKED for); and, a thank you to my co-editor Crystal, for helping make the yearbook possible.

I hope that you enjoy your yearbook and treasure it always. We couldn't capture everybody's fondest memories, but I hope we managed to preserve a few. I hope that many years from now you will look back on this book and smile, unbelieving of the carefree antics done in your youth. I hope that you all had a great year and enjoy the treasures contained in the following pages. I wish everybody the best in the future (and a thank you to anyone who actually read this article), "Good Luck", and remember that nothing is as bad as it seems,

Love, Megan Hargrove

Again it's time for me to impart my knowledge to the student body. Well, guys, I've searched for today's lesson, high and low, and finally found it in a magazine cigarette ad. (Ironic, don't you think?). "Never ruin an apology with an excuse." Well, I thought it was good.

Great, now that that's out of the way, we can move on to more important things. I have been at BH for literally my whole life, or at least the greater part of it so far. That's 13 years. (Jen Ken = 14) Together, the Lifers have been here for 66 years. Wow! (Although all the hours in the rehearsal time Mrs. Aronovitch gives the drama and musical theatre classes might add up to a little more than that, ha, ha). But to all of the Lifers, I want to say, "We did it!" and don't think I'm lying when I say that I'm going to drag you all back to the school every chance I get. You all deserve the best and I'm confident that you'll do great things. I love you all.

For all of you who entered BH over these years and haven't seen it grow as much as I did: please note that as the school stretches and changes, the good things will stay, they always do. So I want to remind you to hold on to your BH diploma through moves across town, country, and the world, because I believe that a BH diploma will always be something to be proud of. To the people I leave behind at BH, I would like to say thank you. Not only to the teachers, who have provided my whole class with support, compassion, and friendship, but to the students who came to the events we organized, were in musicals with us, played on our teams, and generally made the school a great place to be, all the time, every day. We leave the school in your hands, please continue to make it a place you're proud to call your own.

Kate Muirhead
Jr. School Yearbook Prefect

This year has been awesome for me! Being Yearbook Prefect has been lots of fun and has a lot of memories. Thanks to Mme. Gerrard, Megan, and Crystal, this yearbook is the best one yet! I'd also like to thank everyone who participated in Camera Day. Thanks again!

Kate Muirhead

Heads of Balmoral Hall School

Mrs. Diane Bieber
Head of School

What an eventful and rewarding year it has been, and how quickly it has flown! We launched the school year with the official opening of our new facilities in September. There was much fanfare and fun, with memorable entertainment provided by Alumna, Chantal Kreviazuk.

Our own talented thespians delighted us with the productions of *The Mousetrap, Fiddler on the Roof, Peter Pan, Annie,* and *Invisible Friends*. Our athletes excelled, our debaters impressed and students in all three schools continued to shine academically. Many interesting and exciting events enlivened the year and contributed to the unique BH experience.

A special thank you to Head Girl, Kristen Gale. She and the Prefects declared this "Be All That You Can Be" year, and they certainly demonstrated that spirit themselves with their hard work and enthusiasm.

To the graduating class of 1999, our heartfelt congratulations for all you've accomplished, and our warmest wishes for your continuing accomplishments in the future.

On a personal note, this marks my own "graduation" from BH as well. I will be moving on at the end of this school year to pursue new opportunities. It's an adventure I look forward to very much, but not without a tinge of regret. After 21 years at the School, the last four years as Head, it seems as if I'm leaving home! I wouldn't trade the experience I've had here for anything. My sincerest thanks go to the Boards that have supported me, the wonderful teachers and staff I've had the privilege of working with, and to all of the girls throughout all of the years who have rewarded me with their successes. I'll always remember you with great fondness.

Good luck to all, and goodbye!

Diane Bieber

AIM FOR A STAR

Aim for a star! Never be satisfied
With a life that is less than the best,
Failure lies only in not having tried-
In keeping the soul suppressed.

Aim for a star! Look up and away,
And follow its beckoning beam.
Make each Tomorrow a better Today -
And don't be afraid to dream.

Aim for a star,
and keep your sights high!
With a heartful of faith within,
Your feet on the ground,
And your eyes on the sky,
Some day you are bound to win!

HELEN LOWRIE MARSHALL

Your 1998/99 yearbook chronicles the accomplishments and events of the rewarding and challenging academics and co-curricular activities at Balmoral Hall. This is a special memento for our graduates. This was your year - the final chapter as a BH student. We will miss you as you leave us to follow your dreams.

With each page you will recall the excitement of all the performances, athletic events, debating tournaments, Terry Fox run, service learning, mufti days, Career Day, house colours, dances and so much more which will provide you with many memories and smiles.

THANK YOU to Crystal Bewza, Megan Hargrove, Ms. Bonnett and all the yearbook committee for your hard work compiling this treasure that we will share for years to come.

Congratulations and much success and happiness in your future. You are all stars.

Meliora Patens - "Seeking Better Things"

- Mrs. Westdal.

Mrs. H. Westdal
Director of Middle/
Senior Programs

Mrs. Judith Steek
Director of Junior School

Learning is the best of all wealth. It is easy to carry. Thieves cannot steal it. Neither fire nor water can destroy it and, far from decreasing, it increases with giving. Naladiyara Divya

B.H. graduates are so fortunate to have received the very 'best wealth of all'.

This year has been a year filled with challenge, excitement and learning. I congratulate both Grade 6 and Senior 4 graduates. May you always "increase your learning with giving".

I wish you success and happiness in your new endeavours.

- Judith Steek

The Students Who Run the School

Kristen Gale
Head Girl

BE ALL THAT YOU CAN BE, was the theme that kicked off this incredible '98-99 school year. With a rockin' W.I.N.S. week, four terrific dances, a boot camp spirit week, and the best Air Bands Balmoral Hall has ever seen, we would have to say that this was definitely one of B.H.'s finest years.

We know that we, the Prefects, may have been a little hard on you guys (making you beg for candy), but we thank you kindly for playing along. We'd like to send some special thanks out to many people, starting with our fellow Prefects. We made an incredible team and working with all of you has been wonderful! Our advisors - Mrs. Anderson, Emberly and Westdal, who all have endless supplies of markers (in various colour assortments) and endless amounts of PATIENCE! A huge shout out to the students and teachers who, without their undying spirit and cooperation, wouldn't have made this so easy and enjoyable.

To all of you, thank you for making our years here at B.H. unforgettable!

Love, Kristen and Rena

Rena Sharfe
School Captain

Lauren Seaman
Middle School Head Girl

Well, what can I say? This year has been an absolute blast!!! From "WINS week" activities to "Be all that you can be!", and from "Fiddler on the Roof" to the closing exercises, everything was "ALL GOOD☺". Big thanks to Mrs. Emberley, Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs. Westdal who helped me keep my sanity. Also, a huge thanks to all the other prefects, especially Julia, the Middle School Sports Captain. Julia, we'll always know the "Color Me Crazy" dance was a success (even if the atrium was less than half full)!

Having this position of POWER has given me the opportunity to do so many new and exciting things (more importantly, the opportunity to control these things). But in spite of my occasional power trips, this has been a learning experience. *It has been such an honour to be your Middle School Head.* I would not change this year for anything. Best of luck to Kyla Caners, and the rest of next year's Prefects, and especially to the graduates. You have all worked so hard to get where you are, and deserve to be there. Balmoral Hall students were certainly "All that they could be" and that is what made 1998/1999 truly THE BEST!!!

Love,
Lauren

Kathryn Boyd
Junior School Head Girl

Being elected Head Girl of Junior School was a great opportunity. It was a pleasure working with Mrs. Steek. I also got to know our wonderful secretary, Mrs. Christie, well, by coming to do birthday stickers everyday. Thank you to all of the students who gave me ideas for activities and to all of the students and staff who made this a great experience! Good luck to all of next year's prefect and Head Girl candidates!

Kathryn

Our School Leaders

Above: The Middle/Senior Prefects
Back Row: Jill Voth, Robin Westmacott, Gunwant Sandhu, Ashley Taillieu. *Middle:* Lindsay Ross-Stewart, Katie Gibson, Jessica Jacobs-Mino. *Front:* Julia Cloutier, Rena Sharfe, Kristen Gale, Johanna Forster.
Right: The Middle/Senior Councils; Executive, Student, and Sports
Below Right: the BH gang at the Manitoba Leadership conference with Mrs. Westdal, Rebecca Lechman, (94-95 Head Girl) and Mrs. Anderson in the back row
Below: Junior School Prefects and Presidents
Back Row: Kathryn Boyd (Head Girl), Uta Hoogstraten, Kristen Olsen, Cheryl Woodward (Computer). *Middle:* Serena Cheung, Kaitlyn Sullivan (Craig Gowan), Ashlen Christie (Braemar), Brynn Macek (Glen Gairn). *Front:* Kaitlin Briggs (Ballater), Kate Muirhead (Yearbook), Paloma Corrin (Library), Gillian King

Messages to the Graduates

On behalf of the Balmoral Hall Parent Association I would like to congratulate the graduating class of 1999.

I trust that throughout your years at Balmoral Hall School the Parent Association has helped to enhance your education by providing items that promote additional educational, recreational and cultural development.

The Parent Association volunteers enhance the sense of community and school spirit by providing activities such as: student lunches, school barbeque, arranging of contact families for any new family in BH, organizing the emergency phone lists, arranging host families as well as hosting a Christmas dinner for residence students, provide movie passes and birthday cards to residence students, sending a cake monthly, publishing the Parent Corner, decorating the school seasonally, running a uniform nearly new sale, and hosting a staff appreciation luncheon. Hopefully we have helped to make a difference.

This year's graduates have been such a tremendous team of volunteers at our Bingo fundraisers. We are grateful for your support.

I am confident that with the solid, well-rounded education that you have received at Balmoral Hall School, you will have a successful life. Best of luck in your future endeavours and please remember that there are many rewards from volunteering, so please give back when you can.

Linda Mitchell
President, Parent Association

Ossama AbouZeid
Chairman, Board of Governors

Congratulations to the graduating class of 1999!

It seems like only yesterday that I was gathering autographs for my Balmoral Hall yearbook. In the blink of an eye, the years have passed.

You will see that the friendships you have formed in high school will remain your closest ones. Nurture these relationships, but also relationships with the other Alumnae who, just like you, left this institution with enthusiasm and dedication.

Balmoral Hall has prepared you for a future full of challenges and opportunities. You now have the foundation required to succeed. The Alumnae Association is here to support you and to keep you connected to the root of your education.

We look forward to hearing from you as you journey through the years ahead. Balmoral Hall is your 'family' and all of the Alumnae members of this family wish you luck for the future.

On behalf of the Alumnae, I welcome you to our Association. We hope that you will continue to share your talents and experiences with BH.

STAY IN TOUCH!

Tannis (Leach) Nuttall, BH '83
President, Alumnae Association

1999 Grads join the 'BH Alum' as they leave their hand prints behind them.

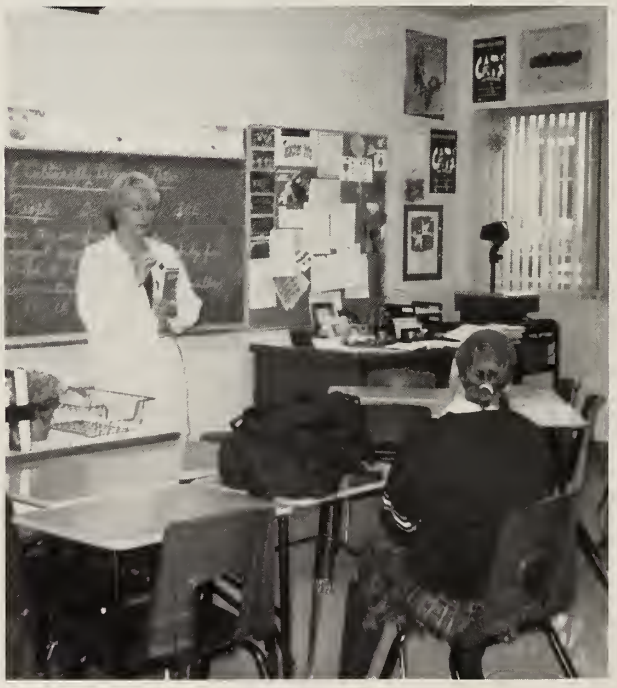
Assemblies

This year was a year of beginnings, even as we near the end of the century. It was a beginning in that it marked the official first year for us to use Balmoral Hall's new spaces - the enlarged Richardson Athletic Centre, with its offices and weightroom, and double basketball courts; the new Moffat Communications Technology Resource Centre, where we studied CAD (computer - aided design for architecture), multimedia (with digital cameras, and computer manipulation of scanned photographs,) and television production (using the digital video equipment, to create computer edited videos); the new Sifton Family Theatre, with its own dressing rooms, backstage area, and sound/lighting control booth; and, of course, the new Canteen and Student Store.

Assemblies mark beginnings, too, from the opening Assembly at the start of the year, to the Monday morning assemblies that started our weeks. For the first time we could have Full School Assemblies in the gym with lots of room to spread ourselves out. And for special occasions, both Junior and Middle/Senior schools made use of the comfortable seats in the Theatre. There were the Monday morning Assemblies with the Prefect presentations, and the WTN (Television Production) students' exposées on food and shoes at BH through their 'Current Events' videos, as well as the student Talent show and the regular curling updates from Anna AbouZeid, All in all, assemblies were a great way to mark new beginnings, and keep our BH community together.

Top Left: Opening Day Assembly *Centre Left:* Full School House Assembly, Terry Fox Run *Left:* Opening Day Assembly *Lower Left:* Ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new additions. Each student and staff member decorated a BH Paper Doll in their own likeness; these dolls were arranged around the gym walls and can be seen behind Mr. AbouZeid and Mrs. Watchorn. *Below Right:* Yearbook magic captures two shots in one!

What They Do When They Think We Aren't Looking.



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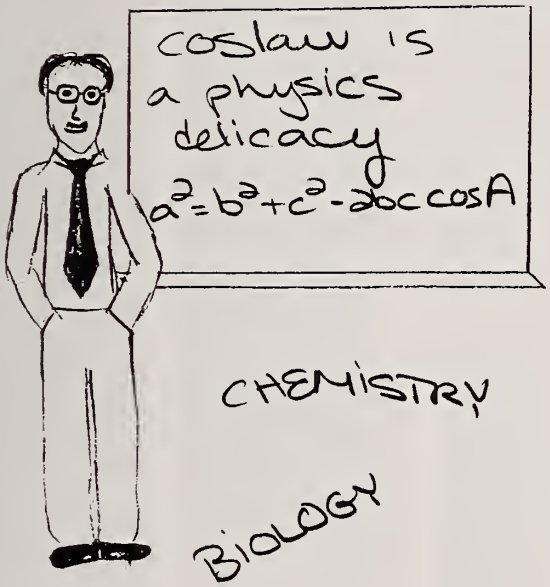


CHEMISTRY

BIOLOGY

LANGUAGE AND THE ARTS:

ESL

ENGLISH

SPANISH

FRENCH

JAPANESE

THEATRE

MUSIC

Administration, Directors and Support Staff

Tina Alto

Sharon Brown

Nancy Campbell

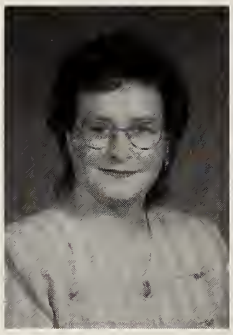
Joan Christie

Helen Downie

Anne Marie Dyck

Denise Gariepy

Brenda Halliday


Sheila Hunter

Sue Magne

Pamela McGhie

Eileen Rieger

Lyn Stephen

Elaine Szymanski

Our Heads

Genevieve Tetrault

Hildy Thiessen

Diane Bieber

Maxine Laine

Supreme Mother

Judith Steek

Heather Westdal

Food Services and Maintenance Staff

Emilia Berezanski

Maria Bravo

Kerri Deller

Gary Gaudry

Marita Henault

Marilyn Kretschmer

Marilyn Patrick

Carol Wright

Missing:
Patricia Gustave
Margaret Hodson
Robert Katyrynuik
Florita Pacle
Tony Riedl
Neil Tormon
Lisa Calsbeck

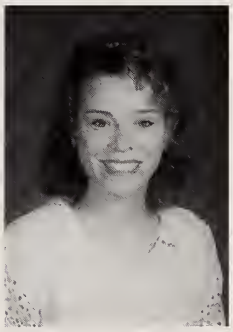
Junior School Staff

Dorothy Bohonos

Stephanie Bourbonnais

Marilyn Bowles

Cheryl Briggs



Linda Campbell

Judy Christie

Pat Conchatre

Kim DeGagne

Lisa Dutchak

Kirsten Gerrard

Tricia Geske

Vicky Govatsos

Cori Hildebrand

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Barbara Janz

Christina Kowalec

Natalie Landraff

Laurel McFarlane

John Milani

Kerry Montgomery

Diana Morrison

Heather Naughten

Lois Peterer

Susan Piper

Darlene Sveinson

Linda Campbell

Signy Thordarson

Missing: Jennifer Fenton
Carolyn Knowles

Heather Welch

Elza Wiebe

Nancy Young

Senior School Staff

Lee Anderson

Beverly Aronovitch

Ed Aston

Elizabeth Bonnett

Bob Cain

Marilyn Clarke

Kay Condra

Heather Emberley

Bev Flackman

Lisa Fraser

Teresa Friesen

Terry Fulton

Missing: Wes Elias

Mollie Giesbrecht

Beth Goldberg

Audrey Greenhill

Tony Gremaud

Lara Janzen

William Korytowski

Monica Lawrence

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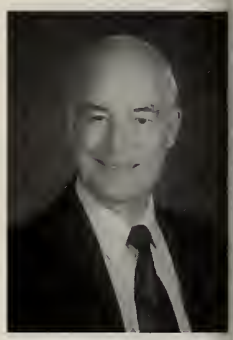

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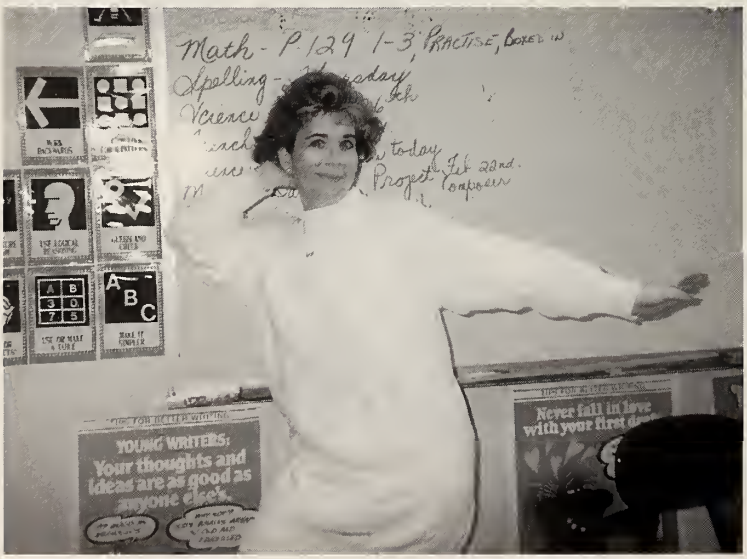


Junior School

By: Daisy

Jr. School Camera Day

More Homework! Yuck.

Ski Buddies

Funny Faces

Lunch Games

Teachers???

Science Lab Drama

MMM. Lunch

Future Librarian

Friends Forever

Junior School Camera Day

Hello! Hello??

Close and Warm

Junior Kindergarten - Geske

Max Asper

Gabriella Balog

Kianna Cadogan

Laura Chin

Lillie-Catherine Cholakis

Erik Deller

Cheyenne Derksen

Zoe Findlay

Evan Graves

Alexandra Lin

Steven Love

Ashley Monture

Junior Kindergarten - Geske

Paige Nuttall

Elizabeth Pappas

Michelle Prendiville

Special Helpers

Tarran Provak

Kaitlin Robinson

Michael Schneider

Hannah Scott

Shannon Sifert

Sabrina Sorin

Kaden Stewart

Hugh Taylor

McKenzie Trann

Alexander Webster

Melissa Wong

Jeremy Zloty

Kindergarten - Bohonos

Sean Allen

Heather Bassey

Brandon Blank

Marissa Fernando

Colleen Furlan

Conrad Grieve

Jennifer Horch

Cody Keith

Simone Kennedy

Nayab Khokhar

Allison Kowalchuk

Courtney Parada Leitao

Mariana Leite

Lauren Menzie

Rafaella Rosenberg

Darian Schmidt

Amanda Stegmaier

Elizabeth White

Jack Wiebe

Elliot Wong

Kindergarten - Briggs

Garrett Bangsboll

Katrina Brazzell

Graeme Burke

Camille Dixon

Dylan Floyde

Breanne Fredette

Meaghan Haligowski

Davis Hirsch

Marikka Lee

James MacTavish

Madison Maidment

Jennifer Miller

Kevin Nikkel

Ellen O'Donoghue

Nicholas Pegoretti

Carmen Provinciano

Melissa Russell

Adriana Sly

Albert Yeung

Kindergarten - Milani

Ainsley Adam

Rebecca Alexander

Carleigh Balciunas

Dale Beynon

Antonio Cianflone

Rachel Clark

Hannah Darrach-Cottick

Stefania Del Rizzo

Layla Freig

Alexa Kastellanos

Chloe Kjernisted

Derek Knight

Jordan Lang

Celeste Main

Rory Mitchell

Daniel Munroe

Erica Nuttall

Lauren Peake

McClay Sveinson

Teagan Wolstencroft

Back to Front: Chloe, Lauren, McClay, Ainsley

Grade One - Hildebrand

Lauren Barker

Jenéa Bastable

Sydney Bicknell

Emily Campbell

Charlie Gray

Christine Harms

Back Row: Andrea, Kelsey, Victoria, Kristine
Front Row: Kerri, Alex

Andrea Leong

Rebecca McDonald

Alex Martin

Gabrielle Nowakowski

Kerri Onotera

Sarah Prendiville

Kristine Ritchie

Rebecca Sherbo

Victoria Taylor

Robyn Trivett

Kelsey Watchman

Stephanie Webster

Julie Yan

Grade One - Montgomery

Paige Danowski

Paige Derksen

Sophie Dickson

Christine Guyot

Sarah Huminicki

Hannah Johnson

Allison Love

Jaunty Morden

Jacklyn Prendiville

Toria Rankin-Friesen

Anjali Sandhu

Serena Shah

Shelby Small

Madison Stewart

Shelby Szarko

Scotia Thorsteinson

Brooke Van Ryssel

Maryann Watson

Elizabeth Whitbread

Samantha Wood

Grade Two - Landgraff

Kate Allen

Valerie Beynon

Laryssa Bogucki

Kelsey Bryk

Chelsea Chimilar

Julie Clark

Megan DaSilva

Ashley Fredette

Talia Glodjo

Akaysha Humniski

Meghan Malcolm Kenyon

Katiana Krawenchk

Tory MacTavish

Chloé Schmidt

Sarah Scott

Jessica and Valerie

Jessica Summers

Sarah Weirich

Dana Zhalko-Tytarenko

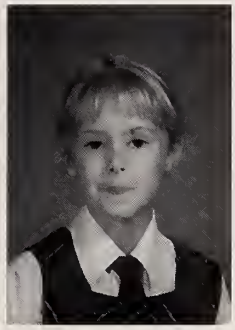
Katiana and Dana

Grade Two - Piper

Rebecca Asper

Yasmine Attiyat

Christie Branton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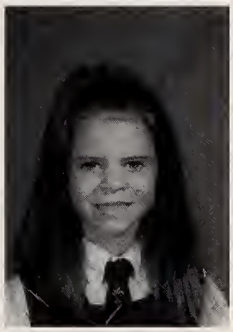
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Erika and Alana

Grade Three - Morrison

Megan Alexander

Grace Boyd

Alexandra Campbell

Sharon Clarkson

Erin Danylchuk

Ashley Fernando

Cathy Guyot

Erika Kasper

Kali Kazina

Teresa Kennedy

Krupa Kotecha

Claire Lefevre

Jessica Michalski

Macy Morden

Holly Penman

Karlen Pendiville

Jane Ripley

Anna Robinson

Shereen Samimi

Grier Schmidt

Veronica Wong

Olivia Zaporzan

Veronica, Shereen, Olivia, Grier, Erika

Grade Three - Thompson

Jennifer Ainley

Marfisia Bel

Callie Blank

Kayli Clark

Anika Dilawri

Nora Christianson Fien

Amanda Haligowski

Kirstie Hood

Rebecca Lang

Stephanie Lawson

Laura Lockwood

Nadine Lowes

Ainsley Pratt

Torrie Robertson

Victoria Schaeffer

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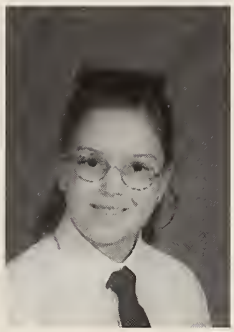
Grade Four - Kowalec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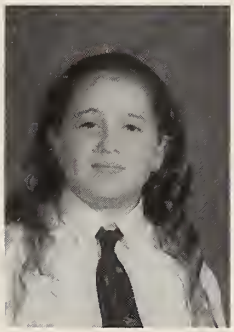
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Kristina Robison

Brittany Siemens

Emily Van Ryssel

Kelcey Vossen

Lauren Wilton

Samantha Wong

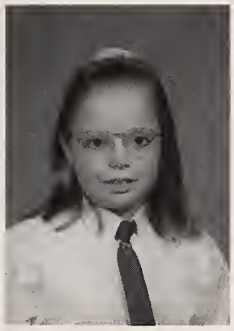
Alaina Yvon-Morea

Grade Four - Knowles

Brianna Bogucki

Soi Breed

Stefania Campanelli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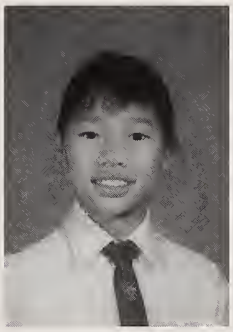
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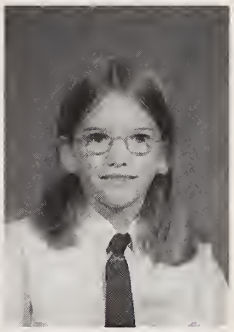
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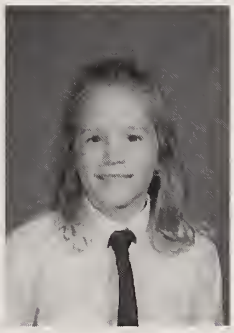
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Grade Five - McFarlane

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Kathryn Huebner

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Lauren Kemp

Annamaria Kodalonis

Meghan McNaught

Cleo Morden

Grade Five Class Assembly

Katie Murray

Tatiana Murray

Brittaney Santos

Grade Five - Young

Veena Agrawal

Elena Bykova

Meghan Corbett

Leah Gardner

Lisa Gregory

Daria Jorquera-Palmer

Michelle Maryk

Andrea Mrak

Kaleigh Paterson

Amy Shatto

On the Right: Amy Shatto, Lisa Gregory, Daria Jorquera-Palmer
On the Bottom: The Grade Five Class

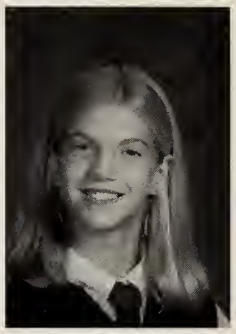
Dana Sidebottom

Nilupama Wanigasekara

Alexa Zayac

Grade Six - Christie

What can you say about **Lana Belton**, the hyper one, that she is "horse-crazy" or that she wants to be a vet? She came to B.H. in grade 3 and plans to stay. She practically owns a petting zoo. Lana's goal is to be the best she can be. Good Luck!



Kathryn Boyd is the Head Girl of Junior School. Sports are her favourite things. She plays badminton and takes dance classes. She was born on July 28. She wants to become someone famous. She has one sister and two brothers and an endless number of friends. Good Luck in Grade 7!

Kaitlin Briggs was born on May 14, 1987. Her favourite sport is soccer. She loves the Backstreet Boys! We all call her Briggsy. When Briggsy grows up she wants to be tall and a fashion editor. Her B.F.'s are Pal and Leigh. She's the head of green, too. Good Luck next year!

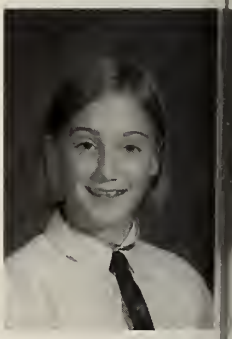
Paloma Corrin was born on April 10, 1987. Paloma's nickname is Pal. Paloma is the Library Prefect of Junior School. Her favourite T.V. show is "Mad About You". She has many friends and is a very pretty girl. Paloma loves to talk. I wish Pal all the luck next year.

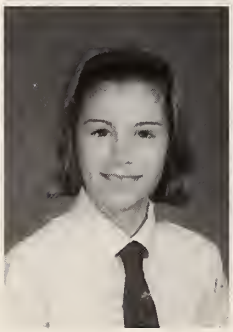
Andria Fong was born on August 14, 1987. Andria is very tall for her age. She likes to draw. Her favourite subject is Art and she wants to be an artist when she's older. Her best friends are Anthea and Annika. Her favourite sports are basketball and volleyball. Good Luck in the future, Andria!

There's only one word that describes Maggie: cool! **Meaghan Gordon**'s favourite colour is blue. Meaghan loves skating. When she's older, she wants to be a pro skater. After stardom, she wants to be a lawyer. Her favourite foods are shrimp and pasta. Maggie's favourite restaurant is Ichiban. Maggie's awesome!

Sylvia Grant is a very thoughtful friend. She enjoys hanging out with Lindsey O. and Kate M. Sylvia has only been at B.H. for one year now but she is doing very well! Her favourite subject is Computer. Sylvia wants to be a famous vet and live on a horse farm. Good Luck!

Uta Hoogstraten is twelve and was born on January 5, 1987. She's new to the school, but loves it. She lives in Winnipeg Beach and loves swimming. She has many animals. Uta has two sisters, a mom and a dad. When she's older, she wants to be a vet or animal scientist. Good Luck!





Laura Hooker is a wonderful person. She's funny, cute, tall, smart and very pretty. She's eleven years old and born on October 9, 1987. What she loves most is riding her pony, Trojan. When she grows up, she wants to be a model, an actress, or a singer. She's the best!

"Gill" was class prez for the first term. **Gillian King** loves soccer and plays it a lot. Her favourite food is fettucini alfredo. When she's older, she want s to play soccer in the Pan Am Games. Her favourite movie is "While You Were Sleeping". Gill is really cool! Good Luck in Grade 7, Gill!

eigh McClarty's favourite subject is defi-itely Social Studies. Leigh's been here for even exciting years. In her spare time, she ves to do extra homework (NOT!). She kes to swim and doodle. When Leigh rows up, she'd like to be an architect. ood luck in grade seven, Leigh!

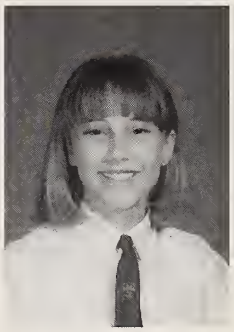
Dana McGregor is a great friend. She loves spending time with her four best buds: Gill, Lana, Kaja, and Serena. The best thing she likes to do is swim and cuddle up with her three cats and dogs. She looks forward to being the future Dr. Dana McGregor. Good luck in seventh grade!

Anthea Mahesan. Well, what can I say? She's smart, funny and a wonderful story writer. She was born in Manchester, England. Thea has two brothers and one sister. This cool chick's favourite actress is Neve Campbell and she loves clothes. Her best friend is Courtney. Anthea loves pizza. I'll miss you.

Annika Narotam is funny, and lots of fun to be with. She's twelve years old and likes to be with her friends. She's been at B.H. for three years, but, sadly, Annika might be leaving next year. Social studies is her favourite subject. Her years at B.H. have been great. Good luck!

ulia Pagura was born on December 8, 987. Her favourite colour is baby blue. ulie loves to snowboard. When Julie grows p, she wants to be a lawyer. This Irish ancer has been dancing since she was our. She has just started at B.H. It's been a reat year with her around! GOOD LUCK!

Mika Rayter is a talkative, fun-loving girl. She loves having sleepovers and going to the movies with her friends. Her favourite subject is Math and she loves gymnastics. Skiing and dancing are also her favourites. When she grows up, she wants to be a vet. Good luck in Middle School!



Jaime Rosin, or J.J., is a dreamer who wants to be an actress or a director. She came to B.H. in 1993 and plans to stay. If you want to stay on J.J.'s good side, spell her name "Jaime". J.J.'s definitely not another face in the crowd. Good luck in grade seven!

This classy wannabe actress is smart, funny and pretty. This star was born under the sign of Pisces and loves Scott Wolf! **Hayly Smerchanski** is an excellent snowboarder and was born on February 21, 1987. Her best friends are Julie and Uta. Hayly's a great person that will light up Middle School.

aitlyn Sullivan was born on January 15, 987. She loves T.V. She been at B.H. for even years. She's smart, pretty and has a reat sense of humour. She does well in all er subjects, but her favourite is Science. aitlyn has a chubby cat, brother, sister nd loving parents.

Lyndsey Wallis is eleven years old. Her birthday is on June 6th. In her spare time, Lyndsey does synchro and watches her T.V. Her favourite colour is purple. Lyndsey likes to play with her dog, Toby, more than doing homework or reading. Lyndsey enjoys playing with her friend Meghan. Good luck next year!

Chelsea Wardrope has been at B.H. since Kindergarten. She was born on September 26, 1987, which makes her eleven years old. Her fave colour is green and her fave food is pasta. Chelsea is outgoing and fun to hang out with. For her future, she wants to be involved in other people's lives. Good luck!

Cheryl Woodward was born on August 27, 1987, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Her "hobby" is collecting N'Sync stuff. Cheryl's favourite food and dessert are shrimp and ice cream. Her extra-curricular activities are: swimming, kung fu, jazz dance, and piano. When she is older, she wants to be an author. Good luck!

Grade Six - Bourbonnais

Shawali Brar would like to be a doctor when she is older. Four of her favourite friends are: Mela, Andria, Annika, and Anthea. Shawali has been at B.H. for three years. Her favourite subjects are Gym and L.A. Her best subjects are S.S. and L.A. Her favourite colour is blue.

Introducing, the one, the only, **Brittany Cawson**. Brittany is in Craig Gowan and has gone to Balmoral Hall since grade two. She enjoys curling, swimming, and track. Brittany plays the piano and collects pencils and erasers. Brittany would like to be a vet when she grows up. Brittany enjoys school and is a truly funny and kind person.

On April 29th, 1987, **Serena Cheung**, future physician was born. Her family includes her mother, father, and older brother Joseph. Serena's talents include speed swimming and grade 7 piano. In her free time she enjoys watching "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and reading. Smart, kind, and cool is 100% Serena Cheung. Good luck, Serena!

Ashlen Christie is a bright, athletic girl who loves sports. Ashlen takes many extra-curricular activities, such as Highland Dance and Piano. Ashlen also has a great interest in track and field and participates in all track meets. Ashlen is also the Braemar House Head, which shows her enthusiasm in sports. Good luck in grade 7!

Elizabeth Dickson, a special girl, was born on May 6, 1987. Lizzie likes to watch T.V., read, hangout, and play on the computer when she has spare time. She likes the colour blue. Lizzie is in the house Ballater. She likes to play basketball and go swimming. She loves dogs.

Clear your head and put in **Simmie Globerman**. Simmie came to B.H. in grade two. She likes sports such as swimming, dancing, tap and ballet. She has a dog named Lacey. She likes to travel and likes to go camping. She likes to listen to Backstreet Boys. Her favourite movie is "Pretty Woman". When Simmie grows up, she wants to be a lawyer.

Kaja Irwin is a fun enthusiastic girl who loves to do many things. She dances five times a week, enjoys reading, listening to music, and playing with friends. Her favourite colour is green and her favourite animal, which she loves and draws everywhere, is frogs! GOOD LUCK KAJA!

Jennifer Kovnats was born on Novembe 27, 1987 in St. Boniface Hospital. To thi day, Jennifer has many friends. Jen love spaghetti. Her favourite kind of animal is a dog. Jennifer loves the colour blue. In Jen' extra time she plays hockey, soccer an takes acting. She wants to be an actor singer or engineer. Good luck, Jen!

Brynn Macek was born on May 28,1987. Brynn is in grade 6 and is very popular. Brynn has three brothers and five pets. One is her beloved Great Dane, Gracie. She loves camels and giraffes and plays hockey. Brynn is the Glen Gairn House Head and is an awesome person.

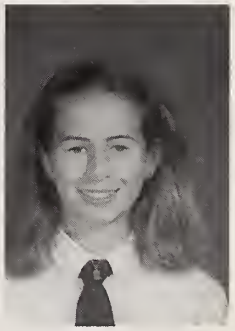
On May 15, 1987, **Vanessa Mancini** was born. At the age of eleven, she has one pet hamster, Piglet. She enjoys baseball, and the colour blue. Her favourite store is the Gap. Her plans for life include being an actress, comedian or an architect. Good luck in Grade 7, NESS!

Laura Matsalla is a cool girl who loves hip hop. She's a Capricorn. Her best friends are Kate, Katie, and Jessa. Laura's in Glen Gairn. She wants to be a vet when she grows up. Laura likes Seth Green, Le Chateau, and the colour blue. Good luck, Laura!

Kate Muirhead is an energetic B.H. girl. Her birthday is June 8th. Her best friends are Lindsey and Miriam. Kate loves to shop at Ardenes. Her favourite movie is "Sliding Doors". Her favourite actor is Seth Green. I will never let go!

A star was born on July 25th, 1987. **Kristen Olson** has always loved tigers. Her favourite colours are blue, green, and purple. Kristen has a cat, Hayley, and two budgies, Baby and Buddy. Kristen has only gone to B.H. for half a year, and is Vice-Head. This must mean that many people like her. Good luck in grade 7, Kristen!

On March 9, 1987, **Lindsey Otto** was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Her favourite animal is a cat. She loves to eat french fries, and her favourite colour is blue. Her best friends are Leigh and Kate M. Right now, she does musical theatre, soccer and diving, but she hopes to become an actor, a singer, or a vet. She'll do great in grade 7 at B.H.



Wow, here she comes! The great, incredible **Leslie Roos**! Leslie loves to play hockey and soccer. Leslie's favourite season is fall, especially because her birthday is in October. Her favourite animals are rabbits. Leslie loves to read. There she is everybody, the great, incredible Leslie Roos!

This bubbly girl has loads of interests: sports, travelling, crafts, love of animals and then there's Selena. That's **Shayla Sabbagh**'s idol. She hopes to be a pediatrician one-day. Even though Shayla's been here for such a short time, it feels like she's been in the B.H. family for a long time.

On October 21st, 1987, **Mela Salaam** was born. She is a real cat lover. She has two cats, two fish, one rabbit, and one hamster. Her favourite colour is blue. Her favourite movie is "Titanic". Mela, I hope you can succeed in life and achieve all your goals. Good luck in grade 7, and all your years.

On April 24, 1987, **Kristy Slough** was born. Kristy has two brothers, two dogs and three fish. She came to B.H. in Junior Kindergarten. When Kristy is older she wants to be a veterinarian, because her favourite animal is the dog. Good luck in grade 7, Kristy!!

Grade Six Grads

Jenna Stacey is a funny, kind, and warm person. She has attended Balmoral Hall since kindergarten. In her free time, she likes to read, watch TV, play the piano, and play basketball. She has a big family including two brothers and two sisters. Good luck in Grade 7, Jenna!

Ashley Summers was born on September 10, 1987, and is the most caring girl around. She loves to swim, roller blade, read, Ukrainian Dance, play piano, and everything an active grade sixer does. Ashley is a loyal B.H. Glen Gairn student. She also likes to play with her 7 month old dog, Huxley. Her best friends are Kristy, Lizzie, Paloma, and Leslie. Good luck in Grade 7!

Hi! I'm here to tell you about Victoria Sweatman. She was born on May 15, 1987. She has been at B.H. for six years. Her favourite subjects are S.S. and Gym. Victoria's best friends are Leigh, Jennifer, Kaitlyn, and Brittany. Victoria has two brothers and two sisters: Tom, Megan, Mark, and Sheilah. Victoria has 4 dogs and she wants to be a vet when she grows up.

Grad Party

Camp Arnes

A-R-N-E-S angels onward to victory!

To most of you this may sound like we're at a volleyball game! But really, when the weather was down at Camp Arnes, what better thing to do than to cheer?!? Camp Arnes was an experience the Grade 6's will never forget! Though we had poor weather, we didn't change our amount of spirit! Unfortunately some of our fabulous activities, like our hayride, were cancelled. Instead, we had a marshmallow roast. As luck would have it, that was cancelled too! We decided to go swimming in the pool. It was an indoor pool because the lake would have made the passengers on the Titanic feel warm! We walked to the pool in near freezing temperatures in nothing but a towel, a bathing suit, and a dripping wet body! Later on, after hot chocolate and fruit, we did skits the whole night! I think everybody enjoyed building an emergency shelter . The weather had no effect on our spirit, and next year's group will have as much fun as we did.

Kate Muirhead
6SB

Junior School Clubs

Printing Club

Craft Club

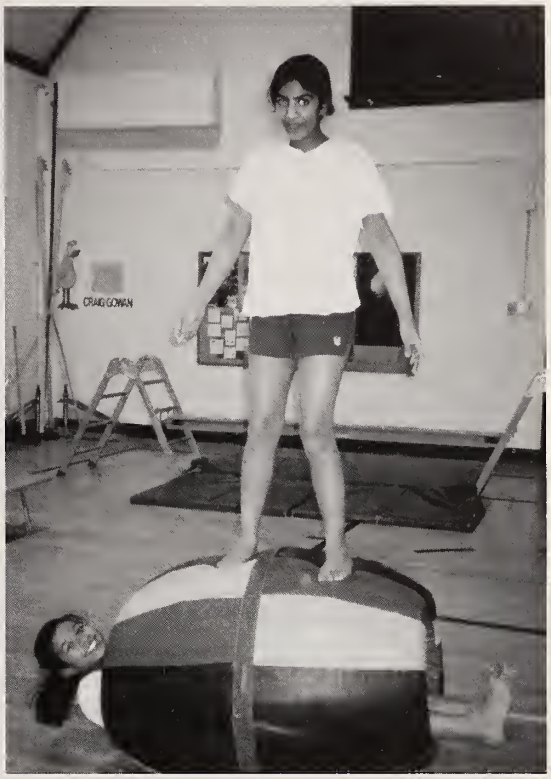
Running Club

French Club

Wreath Making Club - Leigh McC., Brynn M., Mika R., Kathryn B.

Junior School Clubs

Sports Club - Jennifer K., Lindsey W.



Sports Club - Anthea M., Shawali B.

Computer Club - Elena B., Veena A., Sohani A.

Computer Club - Robyn D.

Running Club

Junior School Candids

Jump Rope for Heart

Grade Six Musical - *Peter Pan*

Junior School Candids

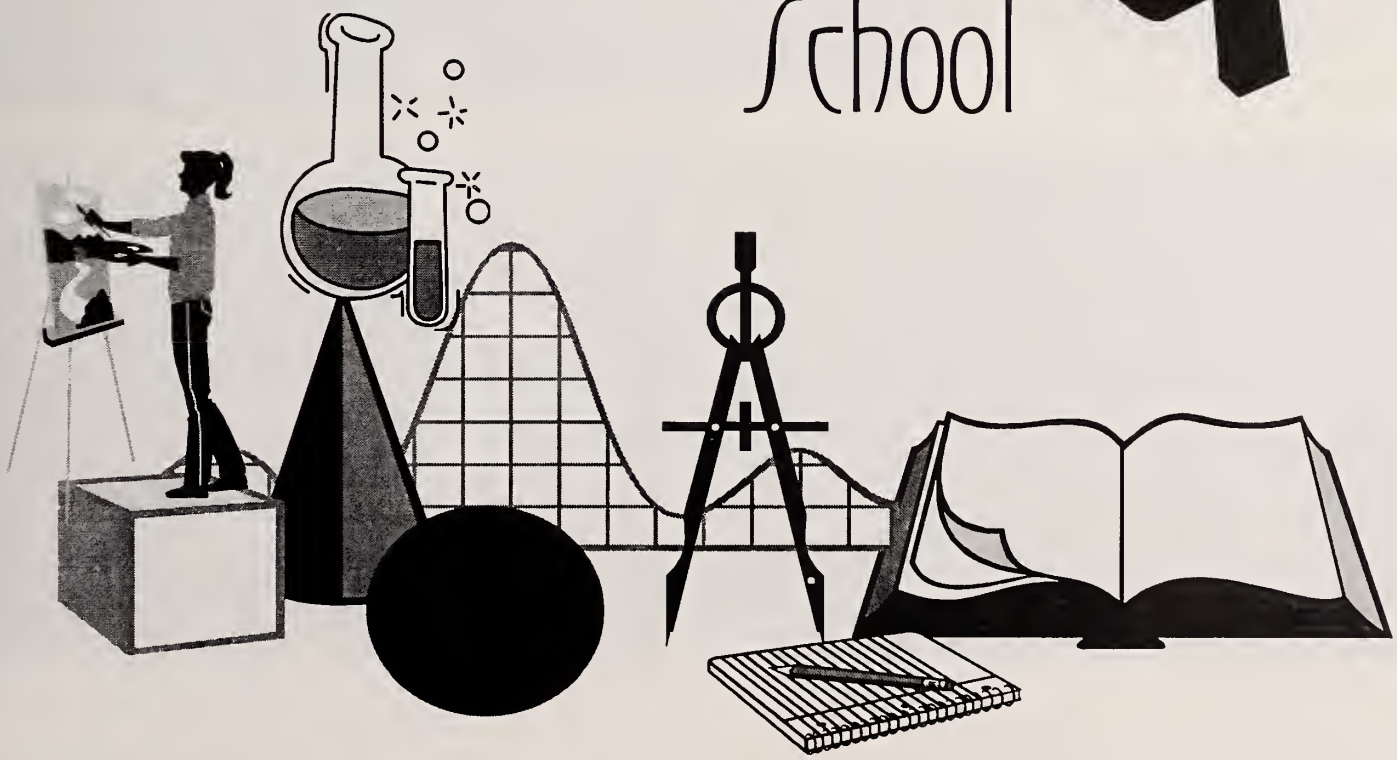
Holiday Concert

Junior School carried on with tradition and once again presented three performances of our Holiday Concert at Westminster United Church. Parents, grandparents, and teachers were pleased as punch with our elves, angels, and reindeers, and enjoyed hearing them perform in their tinsel and tophats!

Bonus Shots

Top Left: Erika Rankin - Friesen and Alannah Matte *Left:* Kaitlin Robinson and Jeremy Zloty. *Above:* Sean Allen *Middle Left:* What a delight! *Below:* Archery practice at Camp Arnes. *Bottom Right:* Kaden Stewart, Jeremy Zloty, Evan Graves, and Max Asper. *Bottom Left:* Sometimes those Assemblies are just too loud!

Middle and Senior School



The Grade Seven Yurt Trip

This was the First Annual Grade 7 Yurt Trip! We went to a yurt camp in Ontario where we slept and lived in yurts for the weekend. The yurts looked like the Mongolian ones we studied about but were made of wood. The beds were wood, too! Mrs. Trickett, Mrs. Sammons, and Mrs. Clarke looked after us, and took us on hikes and bicycle rides. We had a lot of fun while we learned about living in yurts!

The Things You Hoped Went Unnoticed

What's wrong Amanda?

Audition for: Riverdance

This is heavy, can someone lend me a hand?

Just having fun

I have a pin in my sleeve

I am a sandwich artist

Best Friends

Help! My eyelids don't open

Grade Seven - Clarke

Marlee Book

Stephanie Behl

Marisa Campanelli

Claire Campbell-Williams

Nerissa Heron

Elyse Joubert

Shannon Lawton

Amy Ludwig

Samantha Maryk

Nancy Marsden

Jennifer O.Neill-Salki

Allison Pigden

Vanessa Shipley

Kristine Wilson

Chloé Wolstencroft

Pilar Zambrano

Grade Seven - Sammons

Kyla Caners

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Taren Rankin

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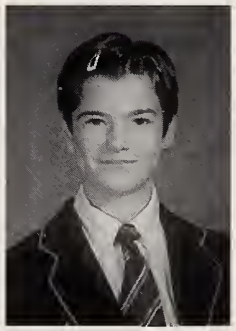

Cassidy Richardson

Brodie Silver

Dany Théberge

Nessa Werier

Leah Wong

Grade Eight - Condra

Meena Bhullar

Genevieve Cloutier

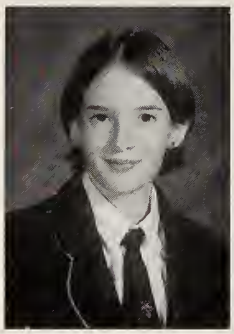
Julia Cloutier

Erika Douwes

Manon Gamache

Emily Hayden

Rachel Holt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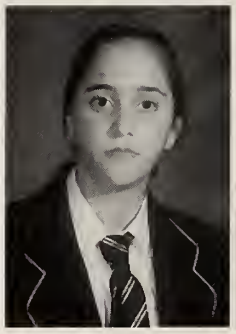
Lucia Viesca

Amy Wilton

Grade Eight - Trickett

Kyla Belton

Samantha Brooker

Dana Delapenha-Dobbin

Claire Dickson

Dena El-Sayed

Hersha Goldberg

Saskia Hoogstraten

Amanda Huminicki

Mara Kipnes

Jamie Lee

Laura Lemon

Crystal Morrish

Jill Parsonage

Carrie Rothwell

Lauren Seaman

Meredith Tapper

Lindsay Venn

Danielle Weidman

Yet More Candids

Senior One - Fraser

Jill Akman

Amanda Aldous

Judith Aronovitch

Amber Bewza

Sarah Briggs

Hayley Buchholz

Meghan Derrick

Raime Goldberg

Mhelanni Gorre

Emily Gravelines

Robin Hamilton

Marcie Hawranik

Melanie Hnatyshyn

Laura Holt

Joyce Hong

Anna Kozlova

Senior One - Fraser

Kerryn Kruger

Saria Lee

Elisabeth Leitgeb

Crystal Li

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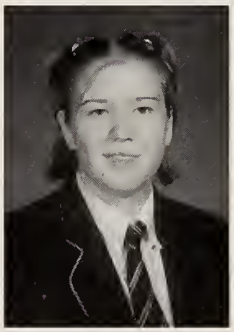
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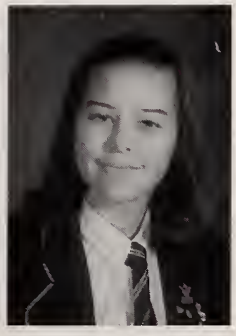
Caroline Monnin

Jessica Nehra

Senior One - Fraser

Jillian Newfield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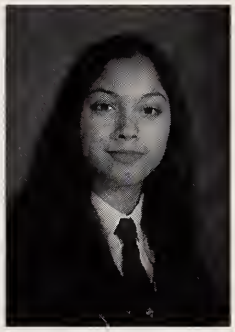
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Aliza Sharfe

Chanpreet Singh

Natalie Smith

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Lara Vincent Elkaim

Carly Walkden

Sarah Wener

Ashley Zajac

Senior Two - Friesen

Anna AbouZeid

Marie Akins

Abbie Bajon

Amanda Baldwin

Patricia Ball

Maryet Batenchuk

Rayna Beaubien

Simmy Bhullar

Katie Brownell

Ana Chapa

Lola Chizh

Renata Choptiany

Celeste Christie

Catherine De Torres

Ashley Dunlop

Carla Goncalo

Sarah Gravelines

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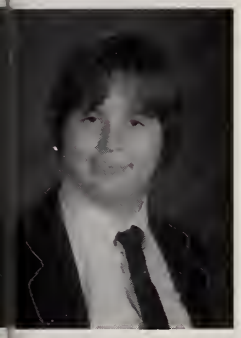
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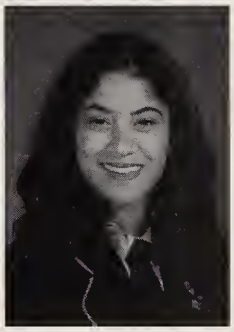
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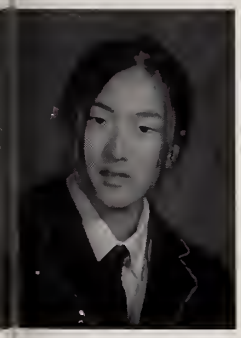
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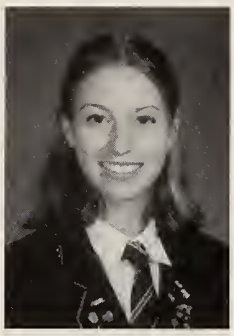
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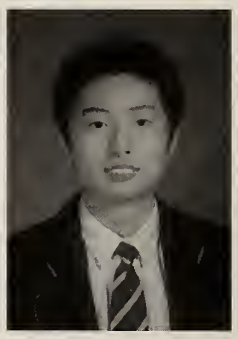
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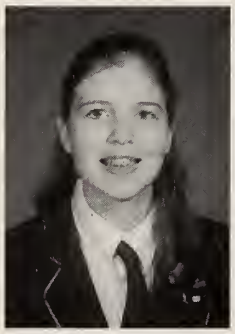
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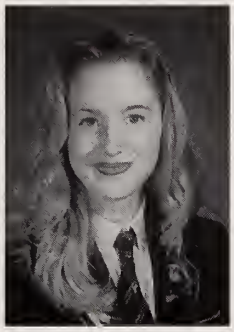
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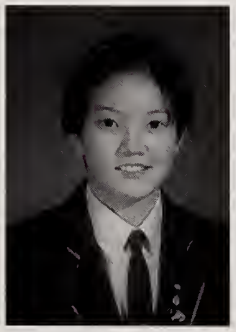
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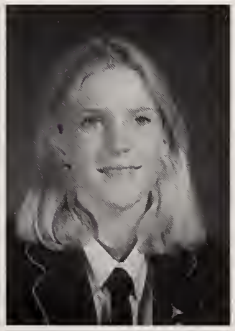

Rike Ziegeimayer

Candids, Candids, and More Candids

Mrs. Friesen on the desks, again?

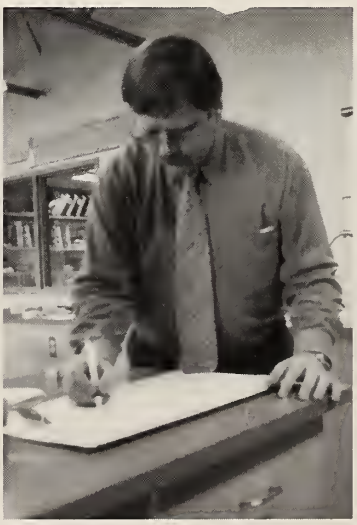
The Eternal Climb

Bestest Buds

All right Mrs. Flackman, what is in the flask?

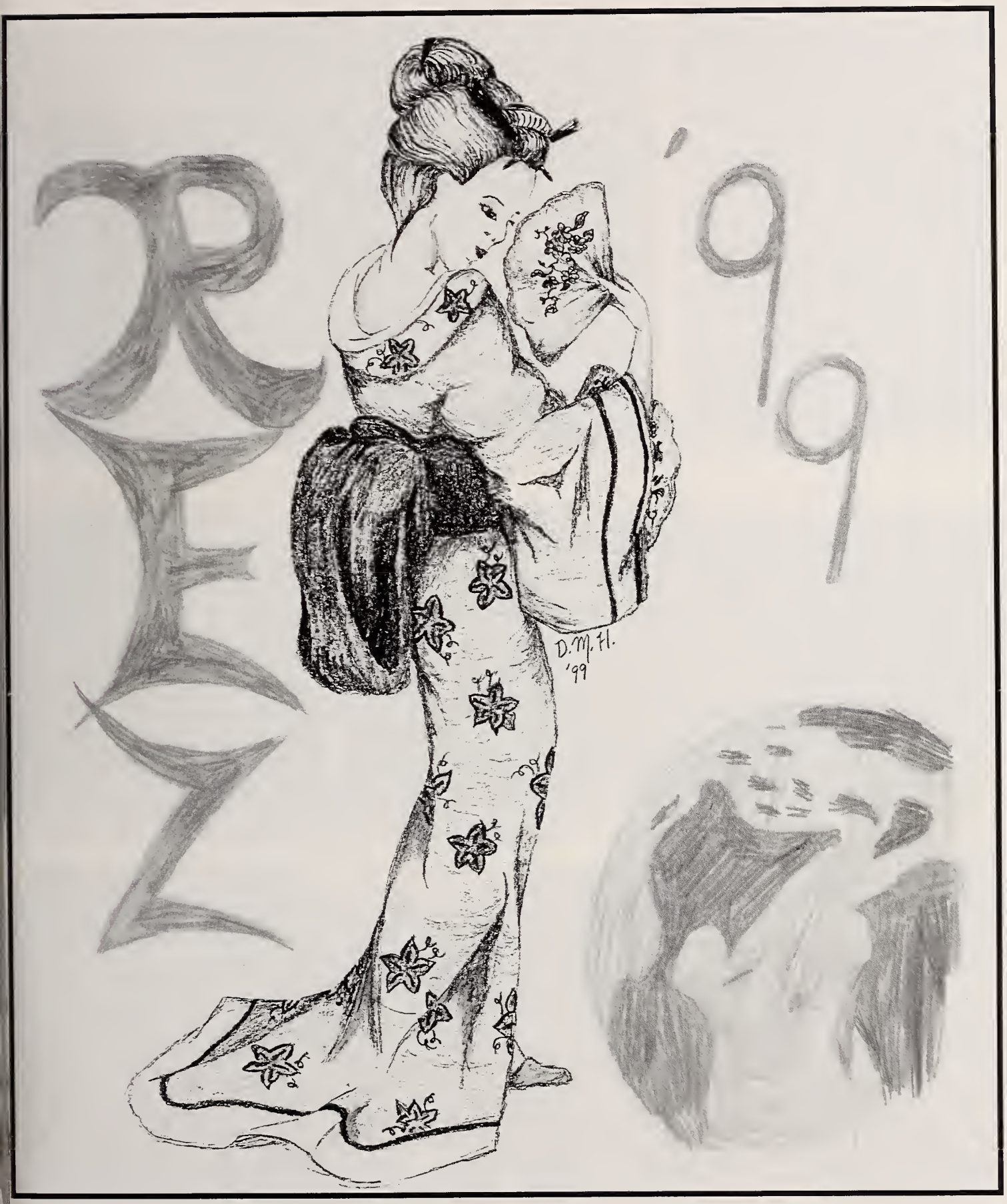
"Okay, now what was I doing again?"

Oh Boy, more yearbook pictures!



"Physics Teachers of the World UNITE"

"We don't wanna go to class"


REEZE
'99
D.M.H.
'99

To the Ones Who Make Our School a Home

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Grade 12's and Nicolette Giddy-up for Multicultural Day

At the airport, again

Fishy Face, Fishy Face

Partying with 'Mom' Rieger

Hanging out at the Falls

One Big Happy Family

Buddies

Boy! Can these Girls Dance!

Chilling out in the Cold

Happy Halloween

A Message from "Mom" and "Big Sis"

Rez 98/99

Jessica Jacobs-Mino
Residence Prefect

During this, my last of three years at BH, I was fortunate to become Residence Head Girl. What an experience!!! With the help of the many rez activities that took place throughout the year we had the chance to get to know people from a variety of countries and different parts of Canada. We developed strong bonds with these people taking trips to Edmonton and Toronto, going horse back riding, at the roller rink, and DarkZone, volunteering with the Manitoba Moose, and a number of other Sunday rez activities. We enjoyed special holiday dinners given by the Parent Association and the food services personnel, and our final dinner at Earl's. We worked hard at the Christmas presentations and, of course, the unforgettable Multicultural Day and Residence Assembly. We can't reflect on the year without acknowledging the unscheduled and often mischievous acts of rez girls just out to have fun: the indoor/outdoor surprise water fights, the Xena matches, coffee nights, rollerblading adventures and even the occasional food fight (never underestimate the sting of frozen grapes). There's also the typical rez race - for the phones, the computer, the cab slips or the TV remote. We mustn't forget the birthday celebrations, the hours spent playing with Sukie and Clemmi, after-hour conversations and bonding moments, late nights cramming in the common room, or small groups polishing up last-minute essays in the office. Nothing can compete with the effectiveness of the residence gossip chain, or the comfort of knowing that there's always someone to confide in and spend time with.The residence experience is one of a kind and this year has been one that I will forever remember. We've made irreplaceable friends, with whom we've been through the good and the bad. I sincerely doubt that anyone who was in residence this year will forget the memories created there. I also know that more wonderful experiences will fall upon residence students remaining and those to join in the years to come. I would like to thank all of the residence students for the part they played in making this the best year possible. As well, of course, I would like to thank Mrs. Rieger, our Surrogate Mom, Miss Smith, and Nicolette Rieger, who were a constant pillar of support and who, along with other staff members and the Parent Association, devoted their time and energy to bringing our family-away-from-home together. I wish everyone all the best in the future. I will miss all of you and the residence life tremendously. Thank you for your enthusiasm and friendships. I love you, Jessica.

Mrs. Eileen Rieger
Director of Residence

Another year has sped by on the wings of light. Vibrant Mexicans, pragmatic Koreans, demure Japanese, stoic Chinese and the inimitable returning Canadians have melded to form a family "par excellent". Together with a group of patient, wonderfully caring, flexible support staff, we succeeded in creating a home away from home. Each student was encouraged to set individual goals and objectives, thus enabling them to obtain the optimum benefit from their Balmoral Hall Residence experience. Observing each student find her niche within the "family" was an awesome yet humbling experience. There were challenging moments and sometimes moments of despair as the students matured and developed their full potential as individuals. The staff was adept at balancing the dynamics that evolved from the different cultures in the process. Their experiences were many and varied. It is with a level of ineffable sadness, that I bid farewell to the graduates. These rambunctious teenagers have matured and made the transition into young women with a tenacity that is enviable. They are poised and ready for the challenges of the future. This vibrant, talented and articulate group, some are budding thespians, have lived collectively with me for several years. I will miss each one for all her idiosyncrasies and cherish the memories. To each one as you embark on the next level of your education: cherish those quiet moments, which are rare and precious in your busy lives. Look within yourselves, define who you are, and stay true to your ideals and aspirations. Stay in touch, I love you all very much,

Love, Eileen Rieger
"Surrogate Mom"

Sports

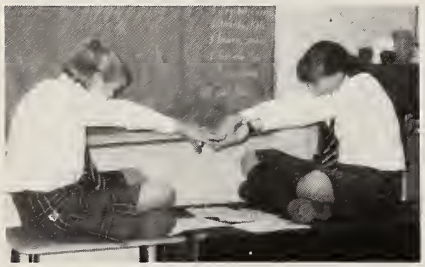
and Activities

Memories are Made of This . . .

Top Left: Robin Hamilton, learning about stage lighting for the Theatre Production course
Top Centre: Rezzies: Nerissa Heron, Crystal Morrish, Lyndsay Mann, Pam Delaquis, and Elizabeth McDonald, a rez assistant, in front.
Above: 7C on Pyjama Day.
Left: Erin Palmer and Sarah Coates.
Far Left: Our courageous editor at the Bar-B-Q.
Below: Now, who left this mess in the dressing room?
Below Left: Nancy Marsden and Lisa Koss clean up the art room!

Top Left: "No, really, Mrs. G., you can keep it!" (the grade 12 Departmental English Exam).
Top Right: Lunch time!
Above: Johanna, Jessica, and Lindsay work out at the Bar-B-Q.
Above, Centre: Meredith Tapper, assistant producer of many BH productions.
Above Right: Editor Megan's home life.
Right: Senior students on a tour at the WAG.
Below Right: Amory Steek and Joanna Fultz model the newest fashion in Lab garb.
Below Left: the grade 12 hallway.

Top Left: Jess Nehra, Rayna Beaubien, and Carly Walkden sample a water pipe (chocolate) on Multicultural Day.
Top Centre: Hallie Gyles rehearsing.
Top Right: Heidi Grant and friend.
Above: The Rez Grads: Pam, Pilar, Denise, Katie, Jessica, and Lyndsay with Ms. Smith and Mrs. Rieger and their teddies.
Above Centre: Urmila Samanta on Multicultural Day.
Above Right: Mr. Cain and his Grade 11s.
Right: Mr. Aston, with *his* Grade 11s.



Above: Amanda Huminicki and Kyla Belton, . . . levitating? *Right:* Nancy Marsden and Lisa Koss hard at work at the Mother's Day Plant Sale. *Far Right:* Team Spirit!!! *Below Right:* The Reach for the Top Team: *Back:* Mrs. Fulton-Baillie, Candice Donnelly, Megan Hargrove, Gunwant Sandhu, Aynsley Baldwin; *Middle:* Crystal Bewza, Roberta Stephen, Urmila Samanta, Mrs. Condra; *Front:* Robin Westmacott, and Kathy Rogozinski. *Below:* Members of the Green Thumb Club: Lisa Koss, Leah Wong, Meghan Fitzpatrick, Nancy Marsden, Jennifer O'Neill Salki, Kyla Caners, and Carrie Rothwell.

Jill Voth
Sports Captain

Well the end of the year has arrived and what an amazing year it's been. From Spirit Week to Interhouse I am very happy with how this year's events have turned out. There are many people whose help made this year a success. Firstly, to the four House Heads, Lindsay, Ashley, Jo and Katie: thank you so much for all you did. This year could not have been successful without you. Also, thank you to all the Prefects, the Phys. Ed. staff and the wonderfully innovative Sports Council (who else could come up with "House twister") for all the help you provided throughout the year. Most importantly, thank you to the student body. It was your spirit and participation that made this year what it was.

Thanks again,
Jill

Sports Captains

Julia Cloutier
Middle School Sports Captain

This last year, I enjoyed being Sports Captain of Middle School. I had so much fun! Middle School participated in many sporting events: the Terry Fox Run, Field Day and Track Meets, Interhouse, Spirit Week, and so much more. I was really pleased with the enthusiasm, participation, and House competition which the MS students displayed. I hope that everyone had fun this year, and will have more fun next year. (Glen Gairn Rules!)
Julia

Volleyball

Varsity

Volleyball

Coach: Ms. Lisa Fraser
Back Row: Lyndsay Mann, Jill Voth, Aynsley Baldwin **Middle Row:** Pilar Ramirez, Kassi Zahradnitzky, Ashleigh Taillieu, Lindsay Ross-Stewart, Ms. Fraser
Front Row: Amory Steek, Erin Palmer, Aimee Warren, Darcie Levy

Jr Varsity

Volleyball

Coach: Mrs. Webb
Back Row: Patricia Ball, Carla Peinaar, Alysha Kassum, Deenish Roopra, Katie Brownell, Erin Mitchell, Hilary Moir, Natasha Peterson **Middle Row:** Abbie Bajon, Renee Phipps, Robin Hamilton **Front Row:** Judith Aronovitch, Danielle Matte, Simran Bhullar, Desiree Turner

Volleyball

Jr Volleyball

BH #One

Back Row: Mrs. Darlene Sveinson (Coach), Carrie Rothwell, Mara Kipnes, Leah Wong, Lisa Koss, Megan McFadden, Jennifer O'Neill Salki, Claire Dickson, Erin Palmer (Coach). **Front Row:** Elyse Joubert, Allison Pigden, Carleigh Dunn, Deidre Santos, Ashley Makeiff, Christy Kolt

Jr Volleyball

BH #Two

Back Row: Kyla Caners, Mr. Alphonse Tétrault (Coach), Thea Hoogstraten, Manon Gamache, Allana Phipps, Leena Hasan, Ms. Geneviève Tétrault (Coach), Meghan Fejes **Front Row:** Dany Théberge, Nancy Marsden, Lindsay Venn, Brodie Silver, Kristine Wilson, Dana Delapenha-Dobbin.

Basketball

Varsity

Basketball

Back Row: Jill Voth, Ashley Taillieu, Lindsay Ross-Stewart, Cara Bass. **Front Row:** Simona Ioffe, Erin Palmer, 'Nessa Goodfellow **Missing:** Kevin Johnston (Coach)

Jr Varsity

Basketball

Back Row: Sean Leonard (Coach), Kassi Zahradnitzky (Ass't Coach), Desiree Turner, Natasha Peterson, Christine Ryckman, Katie Brownell, Renee Phipps, Abbie Bajon, Sara Micflikier (Ass't. Coach) **Front:** Judith Aronovitch, Alysha Kassum, Deenish Roopra, Ana Chapa.

Basketball

Junior

BH One

Back Row: Jennifer O'Neill Salki, Marisa Campanelli, Shannon Lawton, Allison Pigden, Dany Théberge, Kyla Caners, Leena Hasan.
Front: Carleigh Dunn, Meghan Fejes, Chloé Wolstencroft, Nancy Marsden, Samantha Maryk
Coached by Mrs. D. Sveinson, Kristi Nyhof, Ass't Coach

Junior

BH Two

Back Row: Lucia Paramo, Amy Wilton, Julia Cloutier, Allana Phipps, Meredith Tapper, Mrs. K. De Gagne. **Middle:** Lucia Viesca, Kristine Wilson, Mara Kipnes, Lind-sey Venn **Front:** Dana Delapenha-Dobbin, Ashley Makeiff

More to Remember You by . . .

Top Left: Jennifer Skerritt on the go.
Above: Our Mexican rezzies with Erin Palmer and her parents at the Palmer ranchero.
Below Left: Kristine Wilson.
Below: Another day writing the Departmental English exam for Roberta, Minori, Megan and Urmila.
Bottom Right: Kelly Tse, making her way to the top.
Bottom Left: Mrs. Welch . . .
Bottom Centre: . . . *tries* to workout with the Seniors and Mrs. Webb!

Rugby and Soccer

The BH Rugby Team

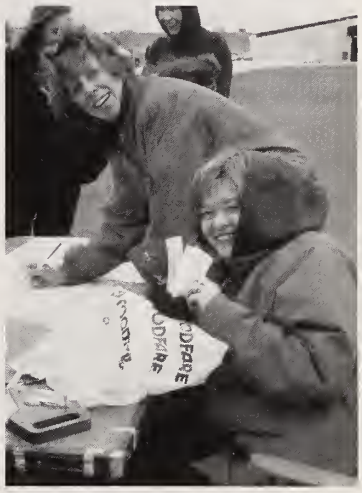
Rear: Coach Erin Bell **Back Row:** Mariana Ramirez, Lucia Viesca, Simmy Bhullar, Ana Chapa, Elizabeth McFadden, Renee Phipps, Pilar Ramirez, Pilar Fernandaz. **Front Row:** Katie Brownell, Jen Muzik, Erin Palmer, Lindsay Ross-Stewart, Mariana Manzanero, Abbie Bajon, Lucia Paramo, Sandra Viesca, Crystal Bewza **Missing:** Jenn Nyhof and Ass't. Coach Sarah Young.

The BH Soccer Team in action

Soccer Team members: Maryet Batenchuk, Katie Brownell, Ana Chapa, Pili Fernandez, Vanessa Goodfellow, Cindy Hnatyshyn, Joyce Hong, Simona Ioffe, Alysha Kassum, Elisabeth Leitgeb, Erin Palmer, Lucia Paramo, Natasha Peterson, Renée Phipps, Pilar Ramirez, Mariana Ramirez, Deenish Roopra, Lindsay Ross-Stewart, Pyper Rouse, Gunwant Sandhu, Cecilia Santamaria, Sandra Viesca, and Lucia Viesca. Coached by Mr. T. Gremaud and Ms. M. Giesbrecht.

Track and Field

Top: Waiting for Mr. Cain's start . . .
Top Right: Meghan F.: still waiting
Centre: Rena and Hallie . . . ???
Centre Right: Ellysse being judged on the new event, "Pit Raking"
Below Left: Look, Ma, no hands!
Below Middle: Lyndsay tries to keep warm
Below Right: Marcie H. in true discus form
Bottom Left: Mr. Gremaud and Ms. Giesbrecht study the field
Bottom Middle: . . . and one giant leap for womankind . . . !



Top Left: Keeping warm
Top Right: Mrs. G., Mrs. C., Mr. T., Mrs. F. & Mrs. McD. marking time
Centre Left: The cheering section
Centre Middle: Keeping occupied between events?
Centre Right: Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Westdal show off their (?) ribbons
Left: The Finish Line is in sight!
Bottom Left: Rena and Mrs. Aronovitch measure the grass
Bottom Middle: Yay, Robin!
Bottom Right: Pleeeaaase . . . Run faster, so we can go someplace to warm up!

Curling and Winter Sports

Above: Curlers Maryet Batenchuk, Lindsay Ross-Stewart, Jill Voth, Mara Kipnes, and Erin Palmer
Above Right: Eun Woo Cho snow boarding during phys ed.
Below: More curlers, Jessica Dilts, Dawn Shanski, Cindy Hnatyshyn, and Simona Ioffe
Below Right: Still more curlers, Clockwise from left back - Kelsey Mills, Anna AbouZeid, Ashley Dunlop, and Dorice Tepley.

When you thought we weren't listening...

"When you want to get loaded start the vodka then mix your drinks."
-Mr Gremaud to Senior 3 English Class

"Calculus is The Art of cheating at Math"
-Grade 12 Calculus Class

"Cake is such a useless thing, I mean what has Cake ever accomplished? Now Pie on the other hand..."
-Mr. Cain imparts his views on cake and other pastry products on the grade 12 physics class.

Mrs. McDonald: "I have a secret in my house"
Kathy R: "Pornography?"

Person: **"You Made a Mistake"**
Mr. Aston: **"I just had a stroke"**

Mr. Cain:
"You put the function in the machine and something else comes out. Girls, do you see something dirty in this?"

Mrs. Baily to Erin P.
"Savay little Brat"

Grade 12 English Class: Noisy
Roberta S.: "People PLEASE!!!!!!!"

Jen S.: **" Mr. G., Since I Know you go to bars and all can you recommend a good kareoke bar that won't ID us?"**

Jen: **"That's Weird!"**
Jill: **"That's Wicked!"**
Mr. K.: **"That's Fractions!"**
-Calculus Class

Johanna: **"Jenny's pollinating again!"**
Mrs. Shyka: **"Tell Jenny to Pollinate later"**

"The smart parents don't ask many questions, The stupid ones ask 15-20"
-Miscellaneous teacher

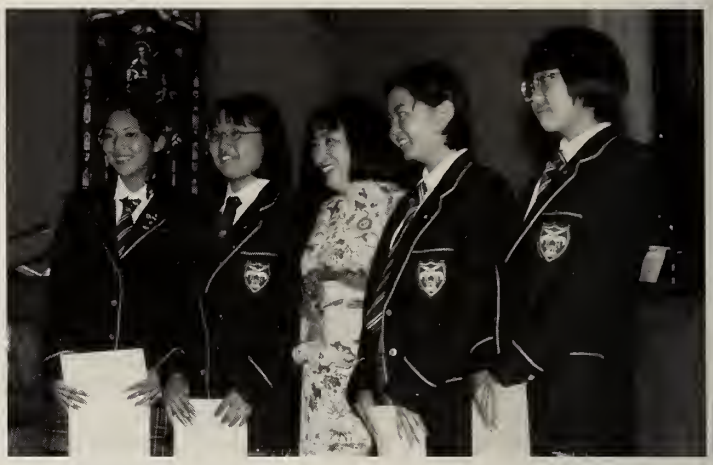
"Get out that,...Um..., Book"
-anonymous teacher

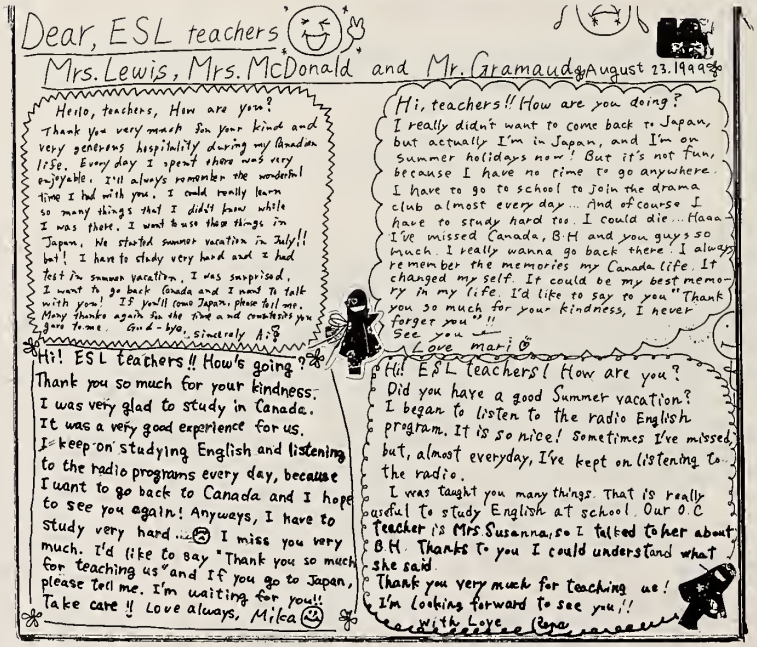
Friends from Other Places

Short-Term Study Program: In September, **Rike Ziegelmayer** arrived from Germany to study at BH for three months. She was an enthusiastic participant in school life and joined Mrs. Robinson's Multimedia class to create a video of her memories with us. After Spring Break, in 1999, our own **Laura Fletcher** left for Germany to experience life at Rike's school.

From April 7 to June 15, four Japanese students attended Balmoral Hall for a short-term ESL program: **Ai Ito, Mika Soma, Rena Hattori,** and **Mari Ito.** The girls stayed at the homes of BH families and friends in the community. Their full schedule included ESL classes for 50% of the day, taught by Mrs. McDonald, Mr. Gremaud, and Mrs. Lewis. They also participated with the Canadian students in Math, Physical Education, Art, and Computer. In addition, they assisted Sensei Saunders with her Japanese classes and in Junior School. Extra-curricular activities included many field trips, sight-seeing, and family activities with their home-stay families.

The girls reported that their experience here was very enjoyable, educational and interesting (they sent their teachers this large card and you can see how they felt!) and their home-stay families also shared their enjoyment of the visit. We look forward to future short-term study students from *Shizuoka Eiwa* in Japan.





Dear, ESL teachers
Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. McDonald and Mr. Gramaud August 23.1999

Hello, teachers, How are you?
Thank you very much for your kind and very generous hospitality during my Canadian life. Every day I spent there was very enjoyable. I'll always remember the wonderful time I had with you. I could really learn so many things that I didn't know while I was there. I want to use these things in Japan. We started summer vacation in July!! hot! I have to study very hard and I had test in summer vacation. I was surprised. I want to go back Canada and I want to talk with you! If you'll come Japan, please tell me. Many thanks again for the time and considerate you gave to me. Good-bye, sincerely Ai

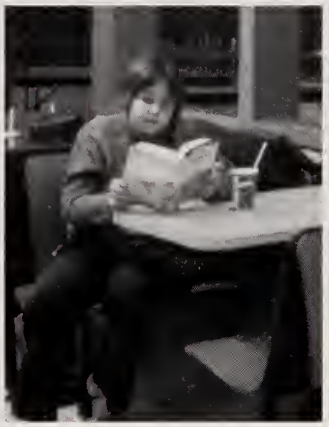
Hi, teachers!! How are you doing?
I really didn't want to come back to Japan, but actually I'm in Japan, and I'm on summer holidays now! But it's not fun, because I have no time to go anywhere. I have to go to school to join the drama club almost every day... And of course I have to study hard too. I could die... Haaa I've missed Canada, B.H and you guys so much. I really wanna go back there. I always remember the memories my Canada life. It changed my self. It could be my best memory in my life. I'd like to say to you "Thank you so much for your kindness, I never forget you"!!
See you
Love mari

Hi! ESL teachers!! How's going?
Thank you so much for your kindness. I was very glad to study in Canada. It was a very good experience for us. I keep on studying English and listening to the radio programs every day, because I want to go back to Canada and I hope to see you again! Anyways, I have to study very hard... I miss you very much. I'd like to say "Thank you so much for teaching us" and If you go to Japan, please tell me. I'm waiting for you!! Take care!! Love always, Mika

Hi! ESL teachers! How are you?
Did you have a good Summer vacation? I began to listen to the radio English program. It is so nice! Sometimes I've missed, but, almost everyday, I've kept on listening to the radio.
I was taught you many things. That is really useful to study English at school. Our O.C teacher is Mrs. Susanna, so I talked to her about B.H. Thanks to you I could understand what she said.
Thank you very much for teaching us!
I'm looking forward to see you!!
With Love, Rena

Top: Mari, Ai, Mika, and Rena receive certificates at Closing Exercises.
Above: Mika, Mari, Ai, and Rena.
Below Left: Ai at her Winnipeg home.
Left: A thank you from Japan.
Below Right: Rike at home in Winnipeg.
Upper left: Hallowe'en: a Canadian experience, with Marisa Louridas Misaki, Laura Fletcher, Rike, and Simona Ioffe in front.

Winter Fun Day



Ballater

House Head Katie Gibson
Jr. House Head Kaitlin Briggs

The Green Machine

Kermit The Frog

This year has been unforgettable. Ballater has had great participation and tons of enthusiastic spirit. Oh, and of course we have encountered great competition and for that I would like to thank Lindsay, Johanna and Ashley, the other House Heads. I loved working with you guys, it was a pleasure, and of course Mrs. Westdal and Mrs. Anderson were always there. All in all, it has been a productive and rewarding year and I am so glad to have been a part of it. Ballater gets better and better everyday and you've all worked very hard to make it the great House that it is. I'll miss you all. Thanks for a memorable year. Love, Katie Gibson

[*Editor*: By the way, Ballater won the House Trophy this year, receiving recognition at Closing Exercises. Yay! Ballater!]

Braemar

House Head Ashley Taillieu
Jr. House Head Ashlen Christie

True Blue

Bernadette

Whoever said hippos are slow moving, boring, quiet animals has never met Braemar! WE showed them this year, pulling together at Interhouse, and screaming until we were blue in the face at House assemblies. Okay, so maybe it was the face paint, but we kept it together and had a great year. I have to admit that proof of one great year is 1st place in the Terry Fox Run, a tie for first in Points Extravaganza, and second place in Science and Technology week, and that is exactly what you guys did!

I'd like to thank Ashlen for her help in Junior School and I hope you continue to stay as spirited and involved in Braemar until your last year. Also, I'd like to thank Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Westdal for all of their help in helping us to make this a successful year. I'd like to thank Lindsay, Jo, and Katie for putting in all of their time and energy to make this a great year, and Jill for putting her love of sports and fun activities into everyone else's souls.

It's been a great year, and I know that Braemar, like the hippo, will continue in the future to live a strong and long life. Good luck in the future. Love, Ashley Taillieu

Sports Canada

Here is the Volleyball Team in their new Uniforms

This is Fun

There is the puck, Get it!

Look Alive Jasper

LOOK OUT, here comes Mr. G

Spirit Week Air Band

I am soooo cool

Reach for it Girls

OH! it's Michael

The Eighties are Back

Are you a Daisy, Rose or Daffodil?

Brittany Spears

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun!

Men in Tights

Craig Gowan

House Head Lindsay Ross Stewart
Jr. House Head Kaitlyn Sullivan

Bird is the Word

Big Bird

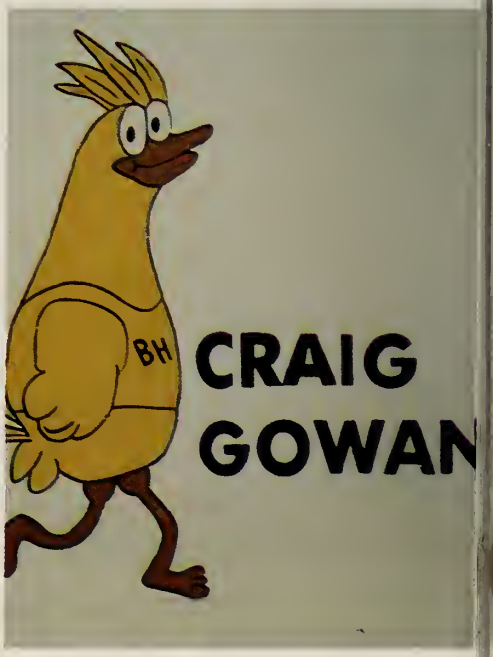
Craig Gowan dominated this year and showed the other Houses just who is boss. Mellow yellow made an impression winning numerous events. I was so proud to lead our House in all the activities this year, especially Interhouse, Terry Fox Run and Track and Field Day.

I would like to thank Jo, Ashley and Katie for giving us a little competition. I would also like to thank Jill, who lead all our Houses into what was the best year for House participation and spirit since I came to B.H.

None of the House activities would have been possible without the help of Mrs. Westdal and Mrs. Anderson: thank you so much for leading the way.

A special thanks goes out to Kaitlyn who lead the cheers and the spirit throughout Junior School. I couldn't have asked for a better Junior School House Head.

Well the year is ended and I am on my way, I will miss you all and remember: BIRD IS THE WORD! Love, Lindsay Ross-Stewart



Glen Gairn

House Head Johanna Forster
Jr. House Head Brynn Macek

Red Rocks

Pooh Bear

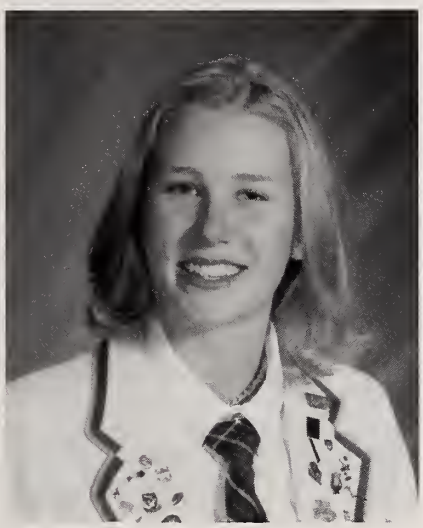
I have had a wicked time leading the pack of Pooh Bears this year. I must say, though I couldn't have done it alone. So, to Lindsay, Katie and Ashley, thanks for a great year and providing us with a bit of competition! Jill, you're the greatest and led us well! A special thank you to Brynn who got the Junior School spirit going at all times. I'd also like to thank Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Westdal for all their guidance. Last, but definitely not least, thank you to all of YOU!!!!

It's been an amazing year and I have had a blast with all the activities we've done and I hope you did, too. Your spirit was astounding, especially at Terry Fox Run (stir the soup) . . . we always knew how to make a lot of noise and dress up crazy! Interhouse was fun; we had a slow start for attendance (Natasha, you rock!) but soon enough, it wasn't just two of us on the court. There were some fun times at lunch hour and I think that House Twister was the best.

I wish you the best of luck next year and in the future. Keep fighting for that House trophy. It will be ours, oh yes, it *will* be ours. Red Forever! Love, Jo Forster

Terry Fox Run

The Arts



Arts Prefect
Robin Westmacott

Whoa! This year has been explosive and truly productive for the Arts at Balmoral Hall. With Lunchbox Theatre, the Rupertsland and Junior High Debating Tournaments, and more productions than any other year, the Arts Department has been kept extremely busy. The plays were superb, from *Invisible Friends,* the Senior 2 play that makes us thankful for our families, to *The Mousetrap,* the murder mystery that kept everyone on the edge of their seat. The musicals continued to be top-notch, from the grade 6's *Peter Pan,* and the grade 7's *Annie,* to *Fiddler on the Roof,* the timeless epic of love and hardship that so describes the human condition. The visual arts displays have also been unbelievable. From elaborate watercolours to oils to silkscreen prints and drawings. The talent and dedication of student artists has been incredible.

The number of students eager to participate in the Arts, a vital and enriching experience, has inspired me. I am always amazed at the B.H. students who are willing to take risks and try new things. This was a year of several firsts: a completely student-organized talent show, including everything from a cello duet to performances of modern dance; the Television Production course where students learned to create their very own TV series, (those humorous Monday morning showings will be fondly remembered); and the Theatre Production course for students to learn to run our new theatre's equipment. There were also a couple of new perspectives on the Arts this year, with Mrs. Janzen teaching choir, Mr. Pauls for debating and public speaking.

I especially thank Mrs. Westdal and Mrs. Anderson for their tremendous support and help, Mrs. Greenhill and Mr. Pauls for being so trusting and patient at debating tournaments, and Mrs. Aronovitch for giving me the chance to, as the Prefects say, "Be all I can be!". I thank the students and teachers for their help, and for making this the most fantastic year of my life! I wish the best of luck to all of you, especially next year's Arts Prefect. Sincerely, Robin Westmacott.

Studio Art

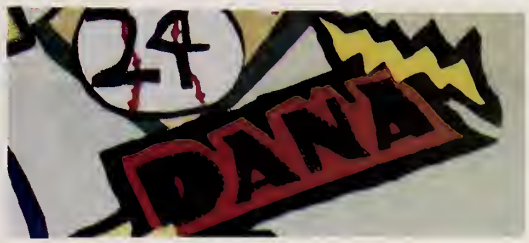
Clockwise from right: oil pastel by Roberta Stephen, S4; watercolour by Eun Woo Cho, S3; oils by Lyndsay Mann and Kassi Zahradnitzky, S4.

Senior students on a WAG tour.

Acrylic by 'Nessa Goodfellow, S3.

Watercoloured silkscreen print b
Hallie Gyles, S3.

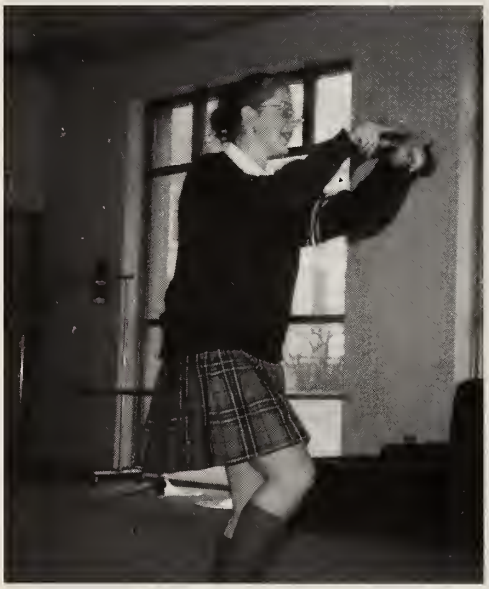
DESIGN ART



Brittany, Brittany, Brittany

See, this is what it's like in a fish bowl

I am so cute!!!



Back Street Boys Again

Are you laughing at me?

The Effects of Stress

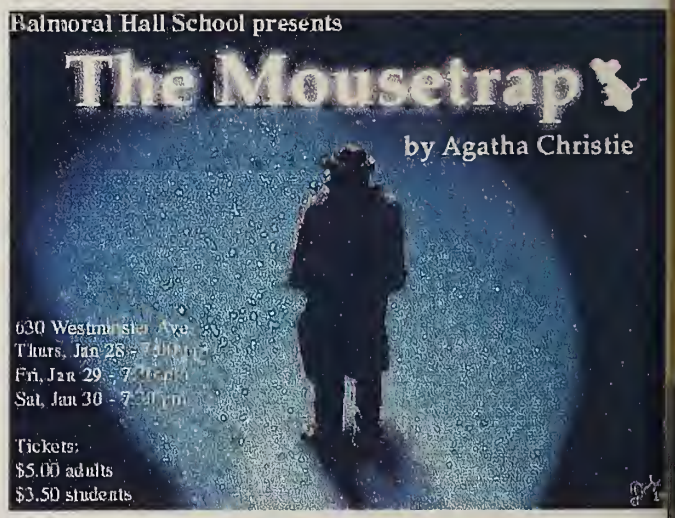
The Poker Game

Kicking Back

Love is in the Air; The 1999 Fashion Show

The Mousetrap

When I was asked to write this article for the yearbook, I wasn't sure exactly what I wanted to say. "How can I make this article different from all those other articles that I have written about numerous productions for various publications?" I asked myself. Then I realized that what made *The Mousetrap* so different for me from any other production that I have been involved in, was that it was my last. As I think about the people that I have been lucky enough to work with, I am saddened that I most likely will not perform with them again, but grateful that I had the chance to work with them at all. They are some of the most intelligent, hard-working, dedicated, motivated, and intuitive people that I know. I will always remember them as such, and I will always remember *The Mousetrap* as an experience that I was fortunate enough to share with them.
Aynsley Baldwin ('99)
Members of the cast: Aynsley Baldwin as Sergeant Trotter, Jessica Jacobs-Mino as Mollie Ralston, Robin Westmacott as Giles Ralston, Crystal Bewza as Mrs. Boyle, Pam Delaquis as Major Metcalf, Katie Gibson as Christopher Wren, and Roberta Stephen as Mr. Paravicini.



The Senior Four Drama Production

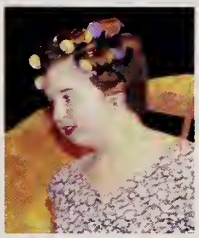
Invisible Friends

The Senior Two Drama Production

Invisible Friends was an "interesting experience". It was very time consuming and taught everyone involved the meaning of hard work. Although it was hard work, we did have some interesting things happen. The first official practice was held in Mrs. A's basement due to the fact that we were locked out of the school. Perhaps the most loved practices were those spent without Lucy (the lead role) in which Mrs. A's and Alysha's acting skills were quickly revealed. The play kept getting more and more exciting. Just when the set started to take shape, the stage manager got sick. Still we kept working hard, counting down the short days until performance. As the black plague hit, everyone involved pulled many "all nighters" to keep on top of things. As the cast grew tired, funny things started happening. Ginny finally got her character, or, rather, her character got her, as she began to speak and act like her two characters rolled into one. Backstage was crazy: we all had flowers, chocolates, and best of all, messages written in lipstick on the mirror. Good luck wishes to cast and crew were found everywhere as well as congratulations from family and friends.

A special thanks goes to Alysha Kassum who devoted her time to get us our music, as well as doing our blocking and being an overall great stage manager, and a special thanks to Mrs. A, the best director around. Thank you! You made it possible, and we will remember it, forever!

Jennifer Yamamoto and Abbie Bajon
Senior Two



Tartan Tidings

The Boston Debating Trip

Thanksgiving weekend, eight BH girls and a very brave Mr. Pauls left Winnipeg extremely early Saturday morning and invaded Boston, Massachusetts. The tournament was held at the Roxbury Latin School, a boy's private school. The tournament went very well for B.H., as we all know the Anna team (Penner and AbouZeid) were in the finals. I'm sure New England will not just think of Canada as that place up north, but as the birthplace of two advocates for "A life of a nudist is a life of happiness." The advanced team's total was the highest in the tournament and the novice team's all were in the top half. It was an amazing experience to debate against some different styles and people, even though it proved difficult at times. Monday morning, we went on a trolley tour of Boston and Cambridge, and that afternoon we went to see Harvard University. You've probably noticed how much smarter all the debaters are; we all rubbed John Harvard's foot (not the actual man's - a statue). We all did gain valuable skills and, also, made new friends. I leave you with the:

"Top Ten Things We Will Remember About . . . . . BOSTON!!!"

10. "Sleeping" through plane meals.
9. Our adopted family - the Gales.
8. The oddest resolution definitions ever.
7. Pop quizzes on the tree species in the Boston Common.
6. Vanilla Ice (!!!!!)
5. Anna and Anna taking it off!!!
4. "True dat!!"
3. Harvard pre-BH invasion.
2. The all night dance party(ies).
1. The almighty Boston accent.

Sara Coates
Senior Three

The Tenth Annual MB Leadership Conference

This year's Manitoba Leadership Conference was hosted by Winnipeg's Collège Béliveau. In its tenth year, I must say the conference was a success. The slogan, "Raise your sails . . . Explore the Future", was important to think about through the weekend, and what a weekend it was.

Upon arrival at C.B we were greeted by the "Crazy Cudas", or the "Crazy Kubisas" as we called them, leading cheers that caught us off guard. By 6:30, the BH girls were well known to all as the "rowdies". Aboard the Paddlewheel Queen, we cheered our hearts out, and danced up a storm.

Saturday morning, we had a pancake breakfast, with great entertainment, KRISTEN=> still dancing. Our keynote speaker, Alvin Law, had a sad story, but a huge heart and taught us all how hard life can be. Alvin encouraged us to look at what we can be thankful for and not to be angry at the world for what we don't have. Motivational Media was presented in the afternoon, followed by a famous "nutritional break". The dinner banquet included even more food, but we worked it off by dancing the night away at the Sights and Sounds' dance DJ'ed by Phil Douchette. Sunday, we had an awesome gym riot, followed by closing ceremonies and a light snack!

Overall, the weekend was a blast. We all came away with memories that will be thought of always. We will remember the people (all our new friends), the cheers (us Rowdies), dancing the night and the day away and all the food. The Manitoba Student Leadership Conference is an excellent opportunity to experience the positive attitude among teenagers today, who are not afraid to be individuals, and to stand up and lead the masses.

Erin Palmer
Senior Three

Varsity Volleyball Goes to Vancouver

Bright and early on the morning of October 15th, Lisa Fraser, the team, and my video camera boarded a plane bound for Vancouver. Aboard West Jet, peanuts, shortbread and trips to the cockpit helped pass the time to Calgary and Edmonton before arriving at the Vancouver airport, around noon. Despite a few items of "lost luggage", we got to York House School and began the WCISVC tournament. As a tournament tradition, gifts were traded between players before the first match.

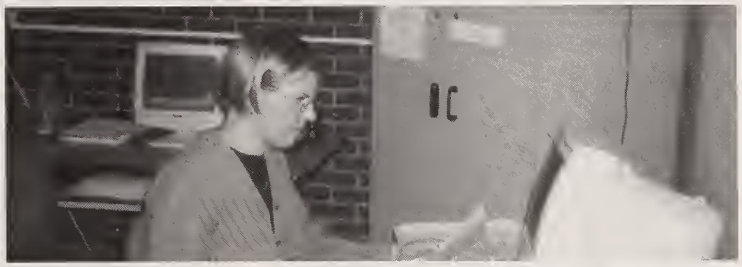
After two games on Thursday, we met our billets and enjoyed a relaxing evening before a weekend of hard core "V. Ball". The level of play was high caliber, one that required us to work hard. Friday morning, at the York House school gym, opening ceremonies officially started the tournament. Games were played until 6:00 PM. We played four games including some at Crofton House, an all girls school in the city. Friday night, we were entertained by a coaches game and a skills competition. Saturday, we played three more games. In playing different teams, we had to learn to adapt to their method of play and pay attention to the abilities of each player. We played one team from Saskatchewan that set up plays on only two hits (bump and spike).

The banquet revealed our team's spirit and the other team's question of our sanity. Chicken burials and butter water require no explanation. Awards were presented for school spirit, best hitter, defense and setter. Congrats to our team All Star, Pilar Diaz Ramirez. We watched the finals between York House and Notre Dame, winners of WCISVC for two years running. We would rather have been playing, but . . . The caliber of play was excellent and our goal will be to work our way to the finals next year, as BH has never won the tournament. But not to worry. The spirit award has the school's name on it more than once! We learned and experienced high quality V. Ball. Needless to say, Notre Dame came away with another win!

Closing ceremonies followed and MVP of the tournament was declared. With the closing of York's turn to host the tournament, the duty was handed to our very own, Lisa Fraser. BH will be the host of next year's **W**estern **C**anadian **S**chools **V**olleyball **C**lassic. We are very fortunate to be a part of this tournament; and we'll be responsible for it's 28th year. Being a billet was an awesome experience meeting new people and sharing their lifestyle for the weekend. We can look forward to hosting billets, next year, and maybe seeing some people whom we met this year. I must say, on behalf of the team, we had a blast (with tape to prove it). A big "Thanks" goes to everyone for making this trip possible and to Lisa for being our "Mom" (I mean COACH), for the weekend!

Erin Palmer
Senior Three

Faculty and Staff . . .



Top Left: Mrs. Sveinson puts Jr. School faculty through their paces.
Top Right: Mrs. Ormiston prepping.
Above Left: Mrs. Dutchak, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Hildebrand, and Mrs. Knowles getting ready for school.
Above Right: Mrs. Trickett. Mrs. Condra, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Sammons, and Mrs. Clarke assembled.
Right: Mrs. Bieber, Mrs. Magne, Mrs. Westdal, and Mrs. Rieger tripping the light fantastic at Grad.
Below Left: Mrs. Christie readies for the Bar-B-Q.
Below Centre: Kassi Zahradnitzky surprises Sean.
Below Right: The fabulous kitchen crew: Florita, Marilyn, Marylyn, Marita, Mrs. Wright, and Emilia and Kerri in front.
Bottom Right: Mrs. Ormiston demonstrates her throwing arm to Mrs. Robinson as she passes a dinner roll to Mr. Cain.

Balmoral Hall School Presents . . .

April 28 - May 1
in the Sifton Family Theatre
Directed by: Bev Aronovitch
Produced by: Susan Sammons
Assisted by: Meredith Tapper

The Cast

Tevye	Rachel Corrin
Golde	Jessica Jacobs-Mino
Tzeitel	Crystal Bewza, Katie Gibson
Hodel	Kathy Rogozinski, Carissa Nikkel
Chava	Amanda Baldwin, Jennifer Yamamoto
Shprintze	Andrea Mancini
Bielke	Alanna McGee Stanko
Motel	Robin Westmacott
Perchik	Hallie Gyles
Yente	Pam Delaquis
Lazar Wolf	Anna AbouZeid
Frumah Sarah	Marisa Louridas
Grandma Tzeitel	Jillian Newfield
Rabbi	Raime Goldberg
Mordcha	Laura Holt
Avram	Renata Choptiany
Mendel	Kristle Calisto-Tavares
Yussel	Sarah Wener
Nachum	Hayley Bucholz
Shaindel	Kelsey Mills
Archbishop	Lauren Theissen
Fyedka	Ginny Koreman
Sasha	Lyndsay Mann
Constable	Abbie Bajon
Fiddler	Aliza Sharfe
Russian Singer	Kevin O'Kelly
Villagers:	Meghan Derrick, Lara Vincent Elkaim, Tasia Mennell, Maryet Batenchuk, Marcie Hawranik, Robin Hamilton, Cara Bass, Sarah Marantz
Guest Dancers	Stephen Hrushovetz, Dennis Jacques, Phil Wozney, Chris Zaluski, Dennis Krawec

Raising Our Voices . . .

Top Left: The Senior Choir, with Mrs. Janzen.
Top Right: Kathy Rogozinski at a break in recording
Above: Laura, Robin, and Saria.
Below: The Grade 5-6 Choir, directed by Mrs. Ilavsky

The **Sr. Choir and Ensemble** began the year by attending ChoralFest 98 in November. They impressed the clinicians and listeners with their choral tone and blend, achieved so early in the year. Later in that month, they and the Grade 7 Choir performed in a joint concert at BH's Festival of the Arts, held in the atrium.

The Sr. Choir and Ensemble then worked very hard preparing for their first recording session for the anticipated BH Centennial CD. It will be released June 2000. In Term 3, the Middle and Senior School Choirs performed Music of the 20th Century. The Sr. Choir performed a varied repertoire, from the sacred to the secular, from African-American spirituals to Janet Jackson. We enjoyed the solo debut of Kim Bhathal and the great accompaniment by our own outstanding Wes Elias, Ashley Dunlop (cymbal), Kelsey Mills (triangle), and Candice Donnelly (glockenspiel). The Ensemble sang jazz tunes with enthusiasm. The strong voices and stage presence of soloists Crystal Bewza, Simona Ioffe, Amanda Baldwin, and Renata Choptiany added much to the jazz style.

The year concluded wonderfully with the beautiful singing at Closing Exercises.

The **Grade 7 Choir** began their year rehearsing for the Festival of the Arts. In Term 2, they learned to play handbells. This choir then undertook the arduous task of putting together the musical *Annie*. With just over a month of rehearsals, and help from many parents and staff, the girls were able to put on a terrific performance on Opening Night. All 32 girls were involved in some way, both onstage and backstage. Well done!

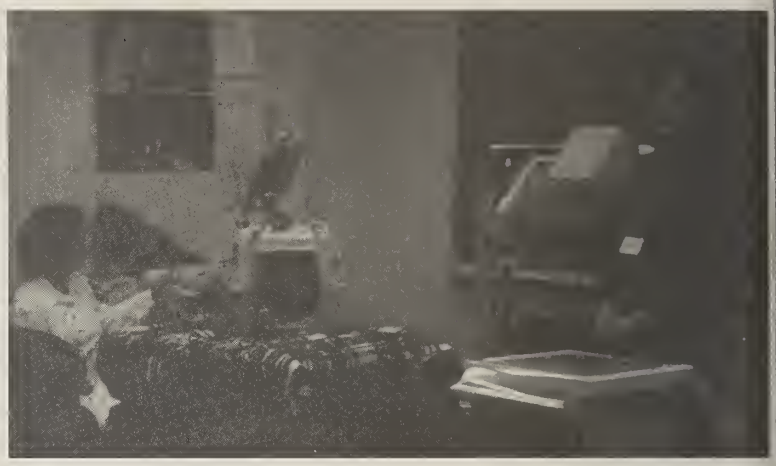
. . . Junior and Senior Choirs

The Grade 3-4 Choir

It was a busy year of rehearsing and performing for the Grade 1-2 Choir. There was an autumn performance in the Sifton Family Theatre, a Family Luncheon performance in February, the Winnipeg Music Competition Festival in March, where they earned the Gold for Best in their class, and the Best Overall Performance! The choir was also recorded in March in preparation for a special CD project. The Grades 3-4 and 5-6 Choirs were also busy at the Festival. The 3-4 Choir, under the direction of Mrs. P. Ilavsky, took Gold for the Best Performance in their class of 9 choirs, and also won the Sir Hugh Roberton Trophy, for the Most Outstanding Performance of a Choir, Kindergarten to Grade 6; there were 7 classes, 75 choirs, competing for this trophy! The 5-6 Choir took Silver in a class of 16 choirs. Good work, girls!

Above: the Senior Choir performs for the graduates, directed by Mrs. L. Janzen. *Right:* The Senior Ensemble. *Below:* Katie, Crystal, and Simona at the recording session.

BH Guests

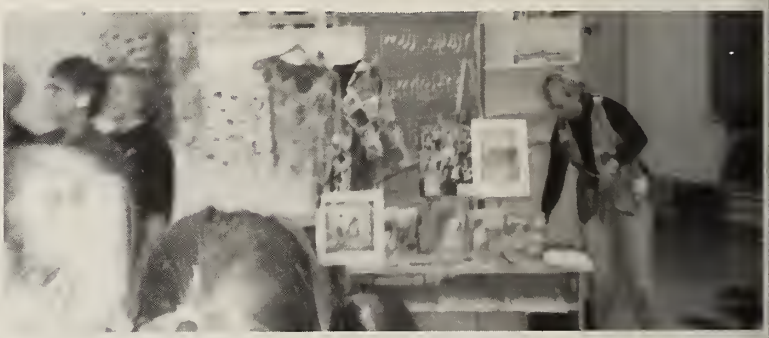


There were many visitors to BH this year.

We hosted some events as part of The Winnipeg Writers' Festival, and showed off our new theatre to many International writers, as well as to audience members from outside of BH. The writers read passages from their stories, and discussed the process of writing and getting published.

We also held our annual Career Day. Professional women from a variety of careers came to talk to us about their work. We learned about geology, law, television production, architecture, interior design, medicine, illustration, veterinary medicine, and entrepreneurship, to name just a few. This year, we kicked the day off with a motivational panel of guest speakers, including broadcaster Leslie Hughes, and city councillor Jenny Gervasi. This helps us decide what we would like to consider for our own future.

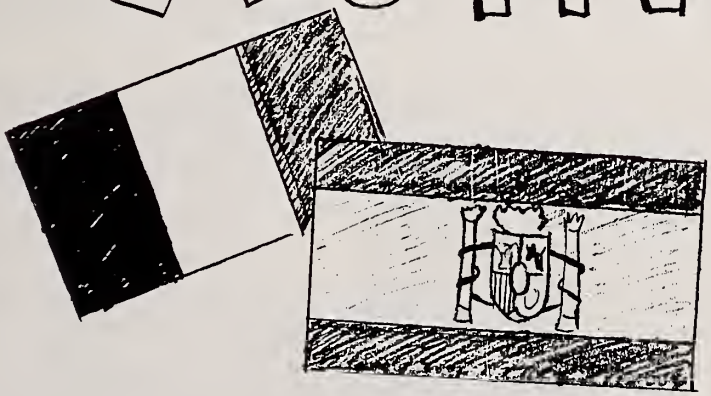
Top Left: At the Writers' Festival, Urmila Samanta says thank you. *Top Right:* On Career day, veterinarian Lisa Sawka and her parrot talked to the class. *Above:* A session on Fashion Design at Career Day. *Right:* Vladyana Krykora, a Canadian illustrator of children's books, shows examples of her work. *Bottom Right:* Mrs. Emberley talks to Grade 7S about career planning. *Below:* Emily Gravelines with a friend of the vet''s.

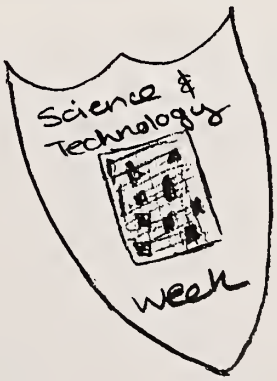


Debating & Public Speaking Trips

Public Speaking & Debating

Student Activities





Community Service

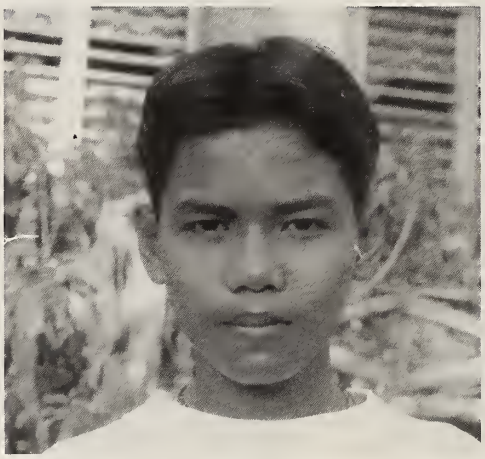
Community Service Prefect
Gunwant Sandu

Wow! What can I possibly say about being the Community Service Prefect? Well, I can basically sum it up in two words: awesome and great! Never before have I enjoyed a school year as much as I did my final year here at B.H. Going from someone who was completely horrified of Monday morning announcements to one who would beg students to buy soon-to-be-expired Milk Mania at the canteen is an experience that I will never forget. I will dearly miss all the students and teachers. The 1998-1999 school year for me is one which I wish I would never have to leave. It seems like just yesterday we were receiving our "much valued" white blazers, prefect ties, and who could forget those cords that we would play with whenever we were bored? Looking back at all the activities that were planned throughout the year, I must say that I would grab at any opportunity to do it all over again. I never imagined how much planning our annual "Community Service Day of Giving" would be. Nonetheless, planning for this day, Spirit Week, dances, and National Volunteering Week was truly exciting. I would like to thank all the students and teachers for making my Grade Twelve year a very special and unforgettable time. I truly had the "Time of My Life!" Well, being reminiscent is making me teary-eyed, so I should probably stop now! I love you all and remember . . . always try to "Be All That You Can Be!!!"

Love forever and always,

Gunwant Sandhu
Community Service Prefect

Our Foster Children



Richard Tilbe

Maria Gilda Sapungan

The Canteen

Day of Giving

Yet More Candids

Physics Phood

Oh, Behave!

One Step, Two Step

Buddies

Please, not the camera, again!

Tara rocks, with spots?

Disco Rocks

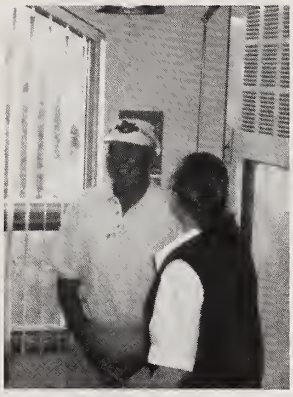
Linked Together

?????

Kristen on the phone

Red Devil (grade 12 class pet) on the phone

What? Games in class?

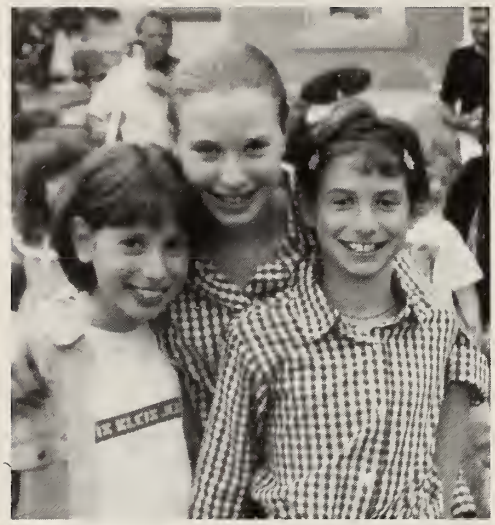


Before and After - farewell shower for Mr. Aston

Surprise (Above), to the right "physics horrors"

Mysterious Staff Room exposed

Buckaroo BBQ



Renaissance Festival

A New Beginning

If the Knowledge is in the Books and Knowledge is Power?

Ski Trip

Warm and Cozy

Three Amigos

AHHH!!! Who let the camera in?

Ouch!, but what a rush

Fun on the bus

All set to go

Spain and France Excursion

Memories! After the experience of a lifetime on our journey to Paris and Madrid, we have come away with adventures in learning that will last us a lifetime. We shared many emotions. The thrill to be standing at the foot of the well-known Eiffel Tower, the sheer amazement of seeing the luxury and royal décor of the majestic castles of Versailles and the royal palace in Madrid, an admiration of the talent demonstrated by artists such as Goya, DaVinci, Velazquez, Monet, and many others, and gratitude for the ability to travel to these world-renowned cities of history. We also learned life lessons. One of the first things our French tour guide said was, "If you compare this to home, you will be miserable. You must value the cultural differences." We remembered this over and over as we encountered food and drink quite different from our own cuisine (some of us were amazed to see shrimp still served with eyes attached and French fries as a main staple, though very different from our own fries), technology and accommodations which were highly regarded in these cities but to us were "cozy and offering only the essentials" (what, no pool?), old age architecture and dress, poverty and luxury on the same street corner, shopping that offered us many lessons: anyone who can take advantage of you, will; people in Europe are generally of smaller stature than we are; souvenir stands are in great number, while mall and department stores are quite different than our own; the mathematics lessons learned from attempting conversions and rates are too many to name. Above all, we learned to share space and time, and understanding and care. We stood by each other in times of homesickness, sheer exhaustion, and frustration of circumstance. We will always remember friends laughing together through Metro blunders, the excitement of wandering with "family" through halls traversed by royal families of long ago, and sleepovers that lead to sharing, caring, laughing, and learning.

Mrs. McDonald

Candids

Multicultural Day

Highland Dancing

Misaki Suzuki

Robin Westmacott

Sr. One Spanish

Kelly Tse

Multi-Mufti

Nerissa Heron

Daisy Bedi

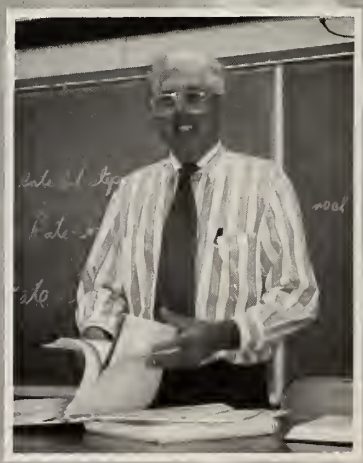
English as a Second Language Students

Farewells . . .

After 21 years as a member of the Balmoral Hall Family, Mrs. Bieber has chosen to retire. Her commitment to BH started in 1978, when she taught in Junior School. She moved up to Junior School Head, then on to Head of School to make her years here complete. She has seen the school through years of many changes, watching Balmoral Hall grow in population and in space. In appreciation of her dedication to BH Life, the Parent Association created a rose garden in her honour, planting it beside the Common Room, and students from Junior, Middle, and Senior School presented Mrs. Bieber with gifts of memories at their assemblies. Thank you, Mrs. B., and 'fare thee well' in your life after BH!

Top: Mrs. Bieber and Mrs. Mitchell at the unveiling of the garden.
Middle: Mrs. Bieber and Junior School presenters with the BH Bear and Memory Book.
Above: Lifers Crystal and Robin present Mrs. Bieber with her own BH Doll as a 'graduation' gift.
Top Right: Preparing for retirement.
Far Right: Mr. Cain makes his last BH dilivery for the Christmas Cheer Board.
Right: Mr. Aston prepares for one of his last classes.
Background photo is a summer bloom from the rose garden.

Mr. Ed Aston and Mr. Bob Cain have also left our BH Family, after a combined total of 21 years. The Chemistry and Physics labs won't be the same without Mr. A's yearend shower, and Mr. C's motivational dough-nuts and birthday pie!



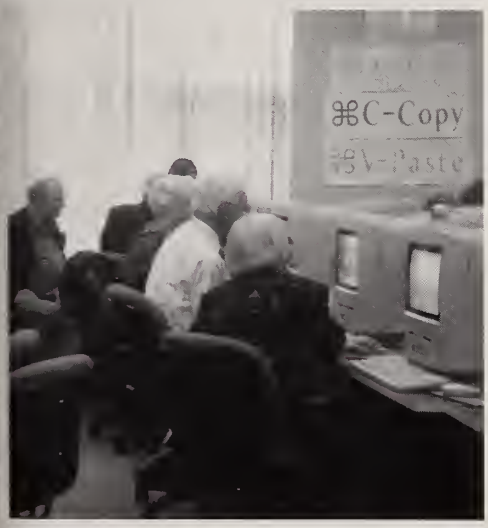
Grandparents' Day

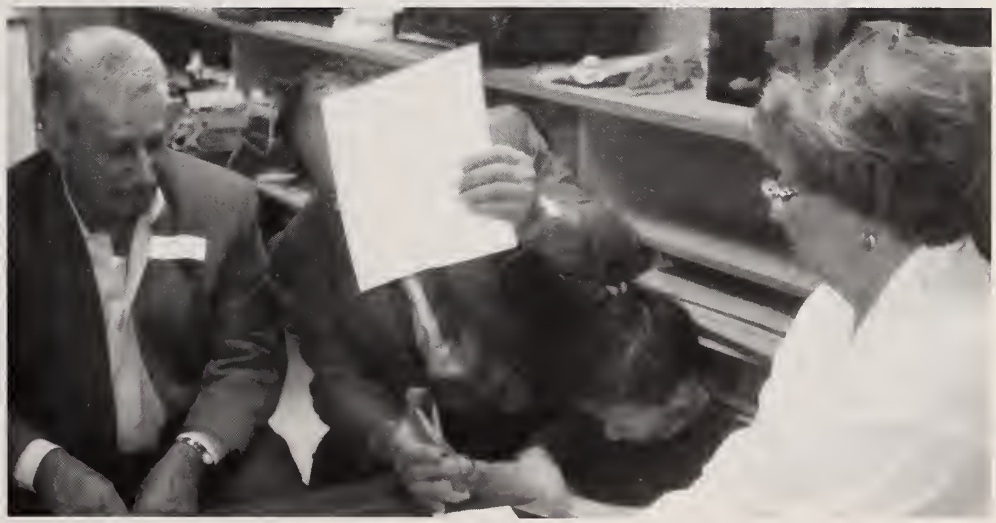
Grandparents' Day! This is becoming a new tradition at Balmoral Hall: for our grandparents to join us for a day of classes.

It's really quite exciting, having them sit in on our studies, do our homework with us, work out in gym class (although we don't make them work *too* hard), help us with our science labs, create things with us in art, and watching them use the computers.

Our grandparents get to see where we spend most of our time and meet our school friends and teachers, and we get to see them in a different way, and spend time with them, too. It was a very nice day.

Top: Marcie Hawranik with her grandparents.
Above: Hayley Bucholz and Tasia Mennell with their grandmothers.
Right: grandparents help out with phys. ed.
Below: grandparents in the Jr. School Computer Lab.
Below Right: Hiding from the teacher: Some things never change!





Science & Technology Week

Science & Technology Week

Detention Slips for All

Lost and Found Fashion Show

Dancing with: Angels, Decade, . . . , and Palmtrees.

hands on education

Dolls join the graduates at Balmoral Hall

BALMORAL HALL SCHOOL

Alumnae Luncheon

June 1, 1999

The Board of Governors, Head of School, Faculty and Students of BALMORAL HALL SCHOOL cordially invite you to attend

MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL CLOSING EXERCISES

Westminster United Church
Maryland & Westminster
9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 17, 1999

GRAD '99

I will miss you

As this year draws to an end
I sit and wonder what will become
of my friends
Will they leave me and not say a
word
Full of endless promises that we've
all heard
While we go our separate ways...
I can only remember the old days
The sadness comes and tears are shed
With pictures and memories locked
in my head
I wish I could stay in the past too
I won't forget even if you do
Hold my hand and don't let me go
Don't be afraid to let your feelings
show
Maybe it won't be so bad
My new life will be more than what I
had
Everything must change, no matter what
But the door to my childhood will soon
shut
I close my eyes, the candle burns low
Please remember me I will miss you

By Johanna Forestell
Grad '99

GRAD PARTY

FOR: Capital and Upper Middle class of 1999 of Balmoral Hall School

DATE: Dec 17th 1999 TIME: 5-7:30 pm

PLACE: Crystal's House

15 Cavalier Court, Lindenwoods

R.S.V.P. (204) 431-2542

After Grad Party

Winnipeg Winter Club
Friday, June 18th

Bus from the Fort Garry to the Winnipeg Winter Club

$10.00 per person

12:00 A.M. to 3:30 A.M.
Cash Bar

By Jonathon Narvey

Graduation from Balmoral Hall School would-n't be complete with-out receiving a miniature version of yourself.

BALMORAL HALL SCHOOL

FINAL ASSEMBLY
DOLL PRESENTATION & LIFER AWARDS
TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 1999
2:00 P.M.
(Grades 1 - Senior 4)

** (Grades 7 - 9 move directly to the gym from period 4 classes)

1:50 p.m.	Grade 1 - 4 move early to view dolls
2:00 p.m.	O Canada ..... D. Bieber, Head of School Silent Prayer ..... Kamron Gale, Head Girl Lord's Prayer ..... Kamron Gale, Head Girl
2:05 p.m.	Opening ..... D. Bieber, Head of School
2:10 p.m.	Bursaries Presentation (S4) ..... E. Kingra, Director of Bursaries
2:20 p.m.	BH Lifer Presentation ..... D. Bieber, Head of School
2:30 p.m.	Video Presentation (Lifers) ..... Lois Bieber
2:40 p.m.	S3 Presentation ..... Jessica Dilts, Devin Shandro
2:45 p.m.	Senior 4 Doll Presentation ..... D. Bieber, Head of School Presentation ..... S3 Class President Sarah Carson, Jennifer Sherry
2:15	Special S3 Presentation ..... Jessica Dilts, Devin Shandro
1:50	Closure ..... D. Bieber, Head of School

The Head of School, Mrs. Diane Bieber,
and the Graduation Committee,
request the presence of your company at the

BALMORAL HALL SCHOOL
GRADUATION DINNER AND DANCE

In Honour of the Graduates of 1999
at the Hotel Fort Garry
222 Broadway
Friday, June 18, 1999

Cocktails 6:15 - 7:00 p.m
Dinner 7:15 p.m.
Cash Bar

Dress: Black Tie Optional
R.S.V.P. by May 25, 1999

Please join us in celebrating
Kristen's Graduation
Monday, June fourteenth
seven - thirty in the evening
Aikins House, Balmoral Hall Scho
Wendy and John Gale

Regrets 895-9226

Grand Slam in reach after French con job

China breaks ties wi

Winning ugly, Agassi style

NATO blasts crowded bridge in deadly afternoon attack

Nine reported dead; convoy of journalists fired on in Kosovo

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The Pan Am spirit

Companies shell out cash, equipment, services for Games

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Debate over anti-homophobia education disintegrates into boos, jeers

Canada shakes off Asian fl

We're on course for stronger growth, Thiessen says

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Tornadoes rip deadly path through Kansas, Oklahoma

CF-18 computers stripped so bombs can hit the target

Viagra

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The Denver School **Massacre**

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Plan B a bigger bloodbat

Mosquito wars begin

City workers are out in force, spreading larvicide from helicopters and trucks to head off an expected explosion in mosquito numbers resulting from the wet weather /A3

Gunmen wanted to kill hundreds, crash hijacked plane into NYC

Russian President Boris Yeltsin has survived an impeachment vote. Now it appears more likely that his nominee for prime minister, Sergei Stepashin, will be approved by legislators /A10

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th U.S. cyberspace

Banks here say don't fear Y2K

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g for last 20 years, bout arsenal: report

NYC fans, pals give Gretzky royal sendoff

Star Wars fans line up

At Canada's new 'hot' lab, scientists to fight deadly bugs

Disease busters gear up for battle

fall bad news

Dallas roars 4-2 victory

NU will mean Nunavut; t will not mean naked

phobia battle lines drawn

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Backstreet's back but boys are the same

fails to spark Canadian stampede

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Symphony in $ minus

MPs pass same-sex survivor benefits

Liberal backbenchers fear vote leads to redefining marriage

'N Sync scheduled to play Arena Sept. 7

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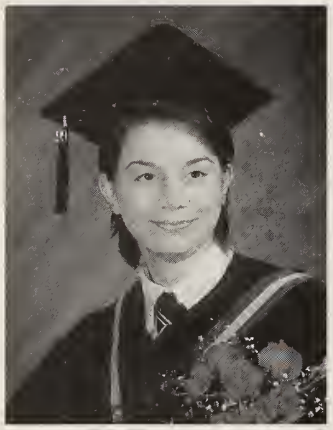
Aynsley Baldwin

Ans, you and I have shared many memories - our gr. 7 obsession with U2, airbands, the Love Hewitt/Spears hate-hate relationship, my phenomenal psychic powers, "All I Want Is You" at Grapes, and our annual jaunts to the Imax. Know that I will cherish all of these memories and our friendship forever. Love, MAX

Aynsley Baldwin, known by so many endearing nicknames . . . my favourite being "Aynsley Paynsley" (how did you ever get that one?). We share and have shared many common interests: the number one probably being our love of U2. What's so wonderful about her though, is that she means many different things to so many different people and did so through her time at BH. She got along well with everyone, and that is one of the many reasons that she will be remembered. Love and best wishes, Ayns, - Kathy Smashy



Cara Bass

Over the past three years, we have watched Caira transform from a shy, uninvolved girl into a self-confident, outgoing person. Over these 3 years, she has been a member of the basketball teams, a model in the fashion shows, and a performer in *Fiddler on the Roof.* She excelled in all of these activities, but especially amazed us in basketball. Who knew that the **smallest** girl on the team would be able to shoot the **most** 3-pointers! We've seen a lot of Caira here, especially in her black string bikini out on the patio on those hot days! One of Caira's other interests, besides Aaron and b-ball, is snowboarding. Way to go!! We've enjoyed growing up with you through high school, but it's time to move on. Remember: we'll always be there for you. Good luck in the future. Love, Ash and Jasp.

Crystal Bewza

There is much I have learned from you over the years. I'd like to thank you for your unconditional support, sensitivity, and confidence in me. Thank you for possessing one of the most beautiful spirits I've ever encountered and for having made it such an honour to have known you for the past 13 years. Love always, Kristle

Crystal has been a very involved student throughout her 'Lifer' years at BH. What with her hours spent representing us at debating competitions, or performing in school productions, we don't know how she found time to do anything extracurricular, but she did! . . . taking awards at the Manitoba Dance Festival, the Music Festival, in ski races, and in Highland dancing. She still managed to find time to co-edit. *Tartan Tidings* and this yearbook, as well as acting as a volunteer in many places. With this kind of dedication, Crystal has an interesting life ahead of her.

Kristle Calisto-Tavares

'Who do we have on the line?' "Maybe it's JLH." Max, it's been a great year of dissing, I must say. As for the years prior to the latest, a few things in particular come to mind: Bono, Edge, Adam, Larry, IMAX, salt,lime and everything in between. Indeed, we have shared many laughs, many tears, and many, many big screens. Hopefully, even more lie ahead. Thank you for so many shared experiences, and all your friendship, love and support, which you've given me so generously. Love you always, Ans

Through years of pink puffy dresses, Internet 'affairs', philosophical arguments, and our many many tears, I not only love you, but I have a deep respect for you. You gave me the challenge to think harder about what I believe in, helping me grow as a person. You are an amazing person I will never forget. Jen

Cindy Cheung

Dear Cindy,
There are so many things to say about you, but not enough room to write it all in. So, here we go: You had only been at BH for 2 years, lived in rez and told us all stories from your home, Hong Kong. For that we thank you. I don't think we'll ever be able to forget your shy smile or the way you'd do anything for the people you cared about, not seeing you in the hallway next year won't be the same, but we all know that whatever you do, you will do it big.
Keep shining, keep being yourself and always be happy!
Love,
Kim B.

Tara Davies

Miss Davies, the girl I can always count on to share my whacked taste in men. One day, Tim Roth will be ours! Until then, we'll just have to keep ourselves occupied by scaring ourselves silly with shakey heads, alien abductions, and other such phenomena (like worms that shoot formaldehyde into your eye if you're not careful). Thank you for so many good times and I hope to have many more in the future. I wish you nothing but true happiness. Love you always, Aynsley.
We've shared many memories, from the Hawaiian cows and dog-sized killer frogs, to sleepovers and long talks into the night. You were always there to make sure "it's all good" in the end. You will be known at BH for always checking the message board, NEVER being in uniform, and eating multiple snack packs during English class. Jen will remember our 'every five minutes' mental breakdowns, and our stupid excuses to leave class. These memories have been an irreplaceable part of our lives and we'll never forget you. You have touched us both. Love, Jenny and Jill.

Pam Delaquis

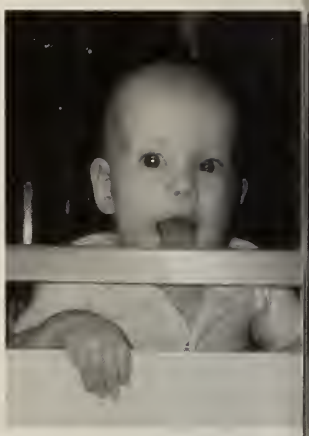
Pam is 17 years old, and has been at BH since grade 11. She is the most amazing girl I have met here and is always making everyone around her laugh. Pam is never afraid to speak or say the truth. She was one of the first people to open up to me when I arrived. She knows how to be a friend, and is going to respond when you need her. She is always worrying about everyone and trying to make people feel good and important. She is one of the people I'm going to miss the most. She is 'One of a Kind.' Well Pam, I just wanted to say THANKS because you made this year a lot better. Believe me, I'm going to miss you, I will never forget you. I hope to see you some time in Mexico (you promise). And remember, you will have a friend in me always. You are very special; never change, because you are cool!!! Don't forget all the things we did together, I won't. Tqm Pili F.

Pilar Fernandez

Pili became a great friend of mine this past year. She comes from Peubla, Mexico. We shared many good times together. I'll never forget you, sweetheart. You helped me through some hard times in my life and I knew that I could always depend on you for anything. Thank you. You also taught me to speak a bit of Spanish. Some examples: Hola! Commo estas? Bien, y tu?. Other phrases that she taught me will remain unidentified. ***Smiles*** (Pretty good, eh?) We became very close, and the day of your departure was torturous for me. I couldn't stop crying. All I could think of was "what if I never see her again?" (I know that's ridiculous, since I promised you I'd come to Mexico for Christmas.) I hope that you'll never forget the times we shared and that we never lose touch. All the best in the future. We have to make sure that we see each other every year, whether you come to see me or I come to see you, it better happen! Love Always, Pam

Johanna Forster

Pip squeak - you survived 13 years of BH - how we'll never know. Perhaps it was the fun provided by the red devil; sun-tanning, with Garth (I knew you'd succumb to country); or the many chemistry masterpieces. Was it the release you felt running like an ostrich . . . Or was it early morning Hotmail or rollerblading and anticipating the next Felicity, the "I LOVE YOU" game, tunes in the Toyota, "I hate it when I have fleas!" Whatever it was that made you stay, we're glad you did. Good luck! Don't let the Ulcers get you down! "SHOT-GUN!!!" Love always, Jess, Jill, Lindsay. Ps. We're at the end of the road. You're a wonderful human being, whom I will always cherish. Follow your dreams and settle for nothing. Love, Kristle.
Through stories of Yoshi, the donut bus, Burton, and glow worm filled sleepovers, you've remained one of the most wonderful people anyone could know. You'll always hold a special place in the hearts of all of us. Jenny.



Kristen Gale

During the last four years Kristen, has gone from the new girl with the "vamp" nail polish, to my personal editor, growing into a beautiful, confident, young woman, always there to keep me on track. Through it all, the laughs have never ended and they will continue in my heart. I'll picture you running like an injured donkey for as long as I live. Animals seem to always be at the root of our enjoyment. I'll never forget our Bull Fight at the Chorus Line retreat camp. Me, from New York, and you from Canada. Fun times, my friend . . . fun times. You have always been super organized and motivating, and I know that one day you will fulfill your dream of owning an elite travel service for (senior) citizens ages 45-50. If you don't do that, I'll still love ya. Thank you for making my years at BH so memorable. Good luck in everything that you do. Possie out my brotha . . . . Possie out. Love always, Sharfey (Rena*)

Katie Gibson

I cannot fully describe Katie in this tiny paragraph. She is a great friend and always has been. Katie is a very energetic person, and entertains all those around her. Katie is a very special person to me and because of that I know that we will remain friends forever. Katie, you are an amazing human being, with incredible talents, and unending potential. Stay strong within who you are, and always remember that I'll be there for you and that everyday is an opportunity to live, to really live and experience. Love always, Lyndsay Mann
Ps. The world is waiting, anytime you're ready.

Heidi Grant

Heidi (a.k.a Blondie) is a beautiful, gracious blonde bomb shell who decided to join us this last year at B.H. She is from the US, but we love her anyway. I have only known Heidi for 10 months, but she is my close friend, my buddy and my copilot in the mornings to school. Heidi is a brilliant person with a heart that is as golden as her hair. She has a wonderful laugh that makes me feel exhilarated every time I hear it. She works hard at her job after school at Smart Set and as President of her Junior Achievement Company. Heidi is a force to reckon with and someone I am glad to call my friend. I hope your future is everything you want it to be and more. Remember, "The essential conditions of everything you do must be choice, love & passion". God bless you, your friend forever, Roberta.

Megan Hargrove

Megan, I'll always remember lunches in the Common Room, or on the lawn with Gunwant, Roberta, and, in the good old days, Chandra. Our slightly crazy endeavour to co-edit the Yearbook (when one person can't keep it organized, but we tried). The way you would listen to my stories about my life and then somehow make everything OK. 'Reach' practice! The Brain Game. The way we'd cram for Physics or Chem. tests in the work periods for English (sorry, Mrs. Greenhill), and you'd try to explain the whole year to me in 40 minutes. Your love of your dogs, and your art. I loved getting the little doodles in the Calculus classes that came after Art. Thank you for being such a great friend. Phone me. Crystal

Jessica Jacobs-Mino

Since that fateful day you joined us in gr. 10, we've developed many memories. Your efforts to promote country music may have brain washed Jo, but the rest of us haven't fallen for it and one must remember that Patsy Cline is NOT country music. The only noise you'll hear out of Jess during movies is a sobbing gasp, or a very annoyed "Shhhhhh!" We'll never forget your obsessions with carrying your water bottle around, checking hotmail . . . . not just yours!, Ally McBeal, Rez workouts, Rollerblading and, of course, Garth Brooks! Never forget how much you meant to us and how much we love you! Love always, Jill, Jo, Lindsay

Jessica has managed to fulfill a part of me that I never thought existed. A beautiful spirit accompanied by an infectious laugh drew me to her and thus established a wonderful friendship. Thank you, Jess, for loving me so much. Love always, Krissi (remember: beer & celery)

Jennifer Kennedy

Jenny and I go back a long way . . . . thirteen years. Best friends who were inseparable, we made up dance routines, watched "The Challengers" over and over, had sleepovers. We drifted apart, but like true friends, drifted back like nothing happened. She was my big sister, taking the bus with me (BURTON IS MINE!) even though it meant a long stopover at Polo Park and a 4 km walk to her house, or bringing me morning coffee so I wouldn't drink hers. I doubt I would've made it through Calculus without her shoulder to laugh on when I had to integrate the second derivative of $4x^3$ then find the limit to infinity also possibly draw the curve the equation made! She's been a constant source of encouragement and confidence and always knows how to make me laugh. I wish you all the best as we move on to a new stage in our life. I love you always and forever, Jo. Jenné, we've been through so much together. I'll always be grateful and appreciative of your friendship, it's meant more to me than you'll ever know. I'll love you always, best wishes! Kristle

Denise Kim

Denise . . . .

How I could believe that Denise was going to be my best friend in my life? When I met her for the first time, she asked me "You don't like Korean, right?". It was a really weird question and she seemed to care about the war between Korea and Japan. I didn't, so we grew closer and closer. She once was my roommate and we talked to each other a lot; about dreams, fashion, school, friends, our culture and how we hate Winnipeg. (LOL) She is a good adviser for me, and she has often helped me. She wants to be a Dentist and is going to take Biochemistry at Mc Gill. I think she is really happy that she doesn't have to take physics anymore because she hates it so much. I hope we will go to the same University and keep our friendship forever. Luv, Minori

Minori Kuroishi

Two years ago, Minori left her homeland of Japan and ventured to Canada to become a member of the 'BH Family'. It's two years later, and I am proud to call her my friend. She is one of the most talented artists I know. Her gift has left a lasting impression on those around her. Minori, I'll never forget our late night cram sessions to prepare you for your TOEFL exam, or drawing the House pictures at midnight one Saturday. I'll also remember helping you cram for the latest test, in the car driving to school almost every morning. Or your always being late when I picked you up because you were on the Internet. I always knew that if your phone line was busy, I'd have to wait 'til morning, you'd be talking on the Internet all night. I'll miss your gentle nature and beautiful smile, and your love of animals (even my yappy dogs). I know you'll succeed in whatever you apply yourself to. Your friend always (and very patient carpooler), love, Megan

Lyndsay Mann

Lyndsay is a bright and intelligent girl. She has been a wonderful friend to me during my two years at BH. She is very talented, whether it be putting thousands of little dots of ink on paper in the art room, or playing a great game of volleyball, she exhibits these talents to the max. She is always very focused on anything she does, and for the most part, is a big help in getting me on task. I am so thankful for the friendship we have had. Lyndsay, I know we will keep in touch and always be close, and no matter what, we will always have our memories. I love you. Katie xoxo

Susan Pritchard

Since grade 4, the cabbage patch kid has definitely made an impact at Balmoral Hall. You have managed to get away with a 4-inch long kilt, a shirt unbuttoned half way, and shoes about 5 inches high. You will always be the one person in our grade who is not afraid to stand up and tell anyone what you think. I will remember you by our well-planned escape routes from "big red", our conversations about "hilarious" times, and the amount of money we've spent at the Nook. From grade 8-12 we've had some really good times and some really great laughs. I'll miss you next year, good luck! - Love, Jenny Boo

Kathy Rogozinsky

"No one can take my Duran Duran away from me." Funny how much six years can change a person. ☺ Fortunately though, it hasn't changed you too much. I will always take comfort in the fact that no matter where you are and what you are doing (somewhere and something you love, I am certain), you will always be changing and trying new things and that you will always be the same sincere, creative and zany person that I love so much! You are truly one of a kind, Kathy Rogue. Love you always, Baldwin

Lindsay Ross-Stewart

"You're such a good friend!" There are so many things that we will miss about you. Hearing about Halifax over and over! (how was that by the way?) ☺ Racing for shotgun. We join you in mourning the loss of your Air Canada prestige status. Gotta love those "Fatboy" burgers - that's too bad. And we'll miss going to Olive Garden where the salad flows like water from an endless fountain of beauty! The words "Ooh, la, la!" have taken on a whole new meaning. [Paris ("Besoin, Lindsay, besoin!")] Although your arrival at rez was a little startling ("You dance like you're in the 80's") it never would've been the same without you. (Ahhh, Tom Cruise!) You know we'll miss you, good luck at Mt. Allison and keep us posted on all the progress. Love you always, Jo, Jill, Jess, Ayns.
P.S. You'll sort out our names one day!

Urmila Samanta

Urmila first came to BH in Grade 6, a shy and timid girl. It would have been impossible for anyone to predict how much she would change by Grade 12. At the end of Grade 7, I didn't **really** know Urmila, but I realized during the months nearing graduation that we had a better understanding of one another (evidenced by the fact that I now called her "Urmp"). Fridays in Grade 12 always ended with a Calculus class that could have been from a classic 'Seinfeld' episode. However our day was going, Urmila and the class could turn it into one of our favourite memories of the year. Once we were asked if anyone had a question, and for some unknown reason, Urmila found it necessary to raise her hand and say, "No!" Thanks for that, Urmp, I'll never forget it! I know you'll do great in life and prosper at whatever you desire. I wish you *all* the luck and happiness that the world has to offer. If you remember just one thing from me - **stop worrying and relax** - you'll be great! Love always, your friend, Gunwant (aka Gummy, Gunny, etc)

Gunwant Sandhu

Many students love 'Ratman' because she's the kind, organized keeper of the 'Sandhu Health Hut', but I know her better as the girl who's fun to tease. Always up for a joking verbal feud, Gunwant is one of the most light-hearted people I know (as long as there isn't a French test looming). But, seriously, Gunwant is an extremely focused, smart person, even though her pride can become a force to be reckoned with (it's all about the apple pie and cheese!). I'm sorry I didn't get to learn your quirky ways sooner! Love and best wishes, Kathy, aka 'Ratmouth'. When Gunwant first came to BH she was kinda quiet; a lot has changed in 6 years! (but not her aversion to tucking in her shirt!). As Community Service Prefect she ran the canteen, and her friendly demeanor made it a favourite place for students. Sandhug, I wish you all the luck in the world and I know you'll succeed in everything you put your mind to! Love, Megan, aka Corky:)

Jasper Sandhu

During the past 3 years that we have known Jasper, we have learned everything from how to straighten hair, to proper make-up application techniques. We always thought that Jasper's only passion was basketball (which she's played for 7 years), but imagine our surprise when we saw her at ski trip! With all her new ski gear, hair and make-up perfectly in place, we thought she'd be a pro. Well, we were wrong . . . very wrong. If only she was as graceful at skiing and in the fashion show as she was on the basketball court! You have made our time at BH very amusing. Take care, good luck, and never change.
Love, Caira & Ash
P.S. Don't ever go driving with Jasper (one word . . . trees)

Rena Sharfe

Sharfey,
In the beginning you took me under your wing, (because you liked my "Vamp" nail polish) but our senses of humor clicked, and we've been brotha's ever since. I will never forget the endless ways we made each other laugh. I'm so proud of you. I'm still amazed that you actually live in the great outdoors each summer. I have no doubt that your ability to make people laugh will take you far in life. Thank you for the unforgettable times these past four years. Good luck in all of your future endeavors. Possie out. Kristen
Ps. We've been through many things. Countless X-Files tragedies and Twin Peaks oddities ('Sometimes my aaarrrms bend back!"), paint chips caused by hairbrushes and your unforgettable Ryerson acceptance ("I'm shatting my pants!"). I know you'll make it, and when the day comes when you sing, "This is the Rena show, not the Nera Show!" be sure to include me in the background. Love, Aynsley.

Roberta Stephen

Berta, good gawd, what on earth can I say about her? Just kidding! Berta is one of the most original people you will ever meet, always being herself, no matter what. With that killer smile and friendly demeanor, she lights up every room she enters. Not shy, she left her mark on BH from the first day, nearly 9 years ago. Berta's determination has lead her to great triumphs, including that sought-after Honour Roll pin (I knew you'd get it!).Roberta's artistic talent has grown, enabling her to create vibrant works of art that mirror her creative spirit. Although her sense of direction isn't all that great (remember a trip to Perkins in North Kildonan one Friday night?), she knows where she's going and will get there in the end. Berta will always be a great friend, never balking at the chance for an all-nighter of girl talk or movies. She has left a lasting impression, and will continue to create waves in the future. Your best bud forever (and this is for you, Berta), love, 'Meggie-Pooh'

Ashley Tailleau

Ashley came to BH 3 years ago. She quickly became part of the BH family with her skills in volleyball & basketball. Her enthusiasm at BH landed her House Head of Braemar. Ash has amused us with her stories about her various boyfriends, not to mention how she made us all cry in English with stories about her dog. Her graceful manner shone through in the Valentines Fashion Show. We will never forget the good times, be it at Blackmore, playing pool, going to Earl's, seeing tons of movies, race car driving to school, and who could forget the late night water fights. Next year, when you're partying it up at U of M, don't forget all the good times that we've had. Don't forget to write us everyday, and always know, no matter where we are, we'll always be there for you.
Love, Jasp & Cair

Jill Voth

Well Man Arms, where to begin? Perhaps with your diminishing breathing abilities resulting in more hours spent in the emergency room than at school. What will we do without you to chauffeur us in the "Sh*box Named Desire"? Never forget checking the lunch schedule, devotion to handball over homework, that ugly red devil, our crazy chemistry songs, running like an ostrich, Mr. Yamaha, and one of these days we know you'll be a Garth Brooks groupie! You've been, and hopefully always will be, an amazing friend. We'll miss you lots, good luck in whatever you pursue! Love always, Jo, Jess, and Lindy Cindy, P.S. Jalapeño!! Our History: I abandoned you as new girl, then realized what you were about (the work) so invited you to big cutlery, had flogistonic cram sessions, clichéed nights, many shared crushes (could we think?), even more laughs . . . You just shot your eye out like that! Love you more than I can write (literally)! Ayns

Robin Westmacott

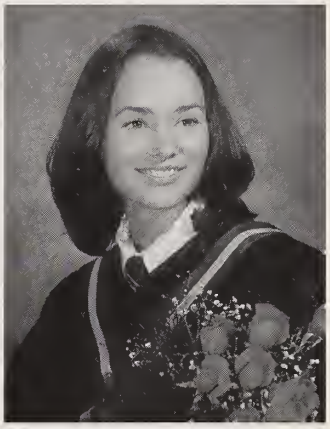
Ahh, Binor. Memories so many, have I. From trouble with "strappy bathing suits", to standing in line for U2 tickets ("No, there's no Select-a-Seat in St. Vital."), it's been a long (mostly gravel) road. I will always remember your unique way of expressing yourself ("This tastes like rotten grape seeds!"). And whether it be from BH, Arni Productions, LacLu, Camp Chaos, or Vancouver, I'll never forget all our past experiences, and I look forward to the ones that lie ahead. Yep, it's a long road that's being driven in a black Jetta the whole way. "Thank you for bein' a friend." Love you always, Banwil. PS Escolta!

Robin shares many memories with me, dancing in matching pink attire, time at LacLu, numerous birthday parties, and 13 years of green plaid. You'll always be my very favourite 'big bird'. Congratulations and all the best in your future! I love you and I'll miss you, Kristle T-Bone

We have been friends for about as long as I can remember! Robin's wonderful personality is unlike anyone's I've ever seen. She's grounded yet quirky, easygoing yet energetic, and most of all she's extremely caring. To know Robin is to know a truly unique person. Love and best wishes, Kathy

Kassi Zahradnitzky

Some people say that all we have to hold onto are memories, and boy do I have a lot of fond ones with you, Kassi. How will I ever forget the hours we spent at Roca Jack's talking about love, life, University (out for coffee but drinking tea) . . . prowling the streets in the Pony in search of an interesting afternoon, we always seemed to find one (blaring "Around the World" was usually involved) . . . that time we made the most amazing blueberry cheesecake together . . . what I'm trying to say is that you've been a great friend throughout the years and I'm sure you will continue to be. Best of luck in University, and remember, "there is no such thing as owning too many clothes." ☺ Love, Kathy



Class of 1999

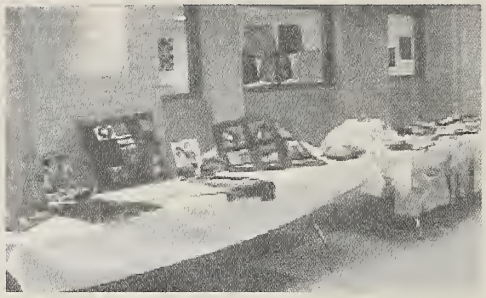
The Great Escape

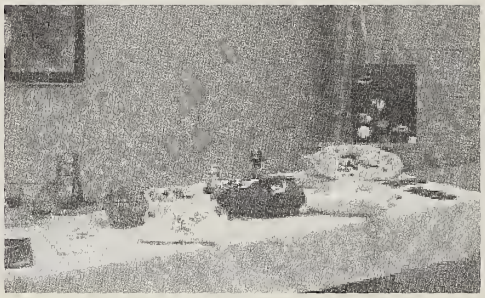
There was a leak but still we are sure that the rest of the school was surprised to find the halls a little less crowded, noisy and insane because of the absence of the grade twelves. We were going to go to Grand Beach or Kenora or many assorted cottages but in the end we escaped to somewhere closer to home. On May 28th, the grade twelve class had a good old-fashioned pool party at Jen Ken's house. Almost the whole class was present, even though some were livelier than others were. And, after the well-needed break, we all returned to school with suspicious tan lines and a calmer outlook on life.

Doll Assembly

Top Left: Grade 12's with their dolls, Mrs. Bieber, Mrs. Westdal, & Mrs. Friesen (Chief Doll Maker!) ; Top Right: Grade 11's with the dolls they made, Middle Left: Lifers: Kristle C.T., Crystal B., Johanna F., Jennifer K., Robin W.; Bottom Left: Urmilla, Megan, Gunwant; Bottom Right: The Dolls

Arts and Awards Evening





On our Annual Arts and Awards Evenings, Balmora Hall recognizes the students who have accomplishe great things, or simply participated, as best they could, i various events. Musicals and dramas, debating and choir leadership and community service, athletics and art - al play a great part in life at Balmoral Hall. Many student participate where they cannot be seen and this is th evening for us to take notice.

Accomplishments for work within the school environ ment, as Athletes of the Year, or in the community outsid of the school (like the United Way Student Communit Service Award to Sarah Coates), are acknowledged. Eve the Art Lifers, for dedication to Art and Design Art, hav a chance to be applauded! Well done, to all of th achievers, the participants, and their supporters as well

Top Left: Mrs. Bieber.
Top Centre: Two images of the creative art display.
Above Left: Rachel Corrin receives the award for Best Musical Theatre Performance.
Above Centre: Nancy Marsden, Simon Ioffe, and Jennifer Reimer receive awards from our sister school, Shizuoka Eiwa, for their achievements in Japanese (presented by Sensei Saunders at Closing Exercises).
Above Right: More artwork by Studio Art and Design Art students.
Below: The Prefects receive recognition awards for their contributions over the year.
Right: Backstage shots of Mr. Cain and Mr. Aston.

Below: Carissa Nikkel, Ashley Dunlop, Amanda Baldwin and Kathy Rogozinski receive awards for their musical talents from Mrs. Janzen
Lower Left: Ashley Makeiff and Renee Phipps watch as Lindsay Ross-Stewart receives the Varsity Athlete of the Year Trophy from Ms. Fraser
Lower Centre: Ashley Makeiff receiving the Junior Athlete of the Year Trophy from Mrs. Webb.
Lower Right: Mrs. Webb and Ms. Fraser oversee the awards.

Athletic awards are given for a variety of reasons, some indicate that students have represented Balmoral Hall on sports teams, and some indicate that they were the Most Improved or Valuable Players on these teams. Coveted awards are the crests that can be worn on BH sweaters and the plaques the students can display at home. These are presented to the students in recognition of their participation on teams. Students earn 3 participation points for a major sport team, and 1 point for a minor sport. The points accumulate from Grade 7 to Senior 4. *Small BH Crests* require 12 points, *Large BH Crests* need 20 points, a *Blazer Crest* needs 28 or more points and the *Award of Merit Plaque*: 35 points and excellence in participation, while the *Award of Distinction* is earned with maximum participation and excellence in sports. This year, **Erin Palmer** and **Jill Voth** received the Award of Merit, and **Aynsley Baldwin** and **Lindsay Ross-Stewart** received the Award of Distinction. *The Athlete of the Year* award is given to the student who exhibits all-round talents and participation, playing on many teams. In addition to athletic ability, the award recipient must represent Balmoral Hall School with good sportsmanship, co-operation with coaches, and the desire to work hard. This year, *Junior Athlete of the Year Trophy* goes to **Ashley Makeiff,** *Junior Varsity Athlete of the Year* is **Renee Phipps,** and *Varsity Athlete of the Year* is **Lindsay Ross-Stewart.**

Closing Exercises

Top Left: Kristen Gale gives her Valedictory Address.
Top Middle: Lindsay Ross-Stewart receives the Member of Parliament Canadian Student Award from Lloyd Axworthy's mother.
Top Right: Aynsley Baldwin receiving the Governor General's Medal
Far Left: Katie Gibson and the House Trophy for Ballater
Centre: Jill Voth receives the Jacqueline Anderson Award from Mr. AbouZeid
Bottom Left: Mrs. Janzen and the senior choir's farewell to the grads.
Bottom Middle: Lauren Seaman and Mrs. Westdal
Bottom Right: Candice Donnelly with Mrs. Bieber

Top Left: The 'old' with the 'New': Prefects for '99-2000.
Top Right: Guest Speaker, Colleen Bennett
Center: Graduates
Bottom Right: Throwing of the Grad Hats
Above: Minori Kuroishi receiving her diploma

VALEDICTORIAN SPEECH
By Kristen Gale, Head Girl 1998/1999

Good Morning fellow students, faculty members and honored guests.

What an incredible honour it is to be standing in front of you this morning. I don't even know how to begin to explain what ar unbelievable four years I've had at Balmoral Hall. I walked into this school the first day of grade nine, not knowing anyone and no knowing what lay ahead. But here I am, standing in front of you today, as Head Girl and Valedictorian. It can truly be said that nothing in the world can take the place of perseverance.

I honestly believe that I could not have done this without my B.H. family. Since that first day of grade nine, I felt completely at home My Mom waited outside for me on that first day to see if I would be making an early departure, and as you can see she's still here waiting for my departure but under quite different circumstances.

To the faculty and staff:

I will never be able to express how much we will miss you and what each of you means to us. We have been very lucky to have had such great educators as our mentors. Some have been like surrogate moms to us. You have time and time again gone beyond the call of duty. It was your diligence and attentive hands that have molded, guided, and prepared us for the future ahead, and for thi dedication, I thank you. I know I speak for all the graduates when I thank you for being so much more than teachers, I thank you fo being our friends.

To the friends and family of the graduating class, and especially to our parents:

If teachers are guidance, then you surely are the love and support that has held us aloft. Your care and encouragement have fostered a strong sense of self worth, which we will carry throughout our future endeavors. Your love and compassion have helped us prepar for the biggest test of all: Independence. Regrettably, we must loosen the ties with those who have helped us along the way and star down the road of life, meeting the obstacles we encounter with determination and courage. Some might struggle more than others but we will pass the test, because if we weren't able to surmount challenges, we wouldn't be here today. Thank you for instilling the drive to do our best and providing us with the best possible resource of all, self-confidence.

Finally, to my dear friends, my fellow graduates:

B.H. for me really has been an extension of my family. Being the only girl in my family, I can proudly say that I have many sister at school and that you mean so much to me. There has never been a time when I didn't want to get up and go to school. I never fel any pressure to be someone that I wasn't. I could come and just be myself. I don't know what other high schools are like but I ca safely say that there is something truly special about the way B.H. works. I know that it's not every school where the different grade mix as easily and there are many different kinds of friendships. I know that these years would not have been half as special for today' graduates if we didn't have the love and support of the rest of our student body. I hope you never forget your past at B.H.: the friend you have made, the friends you have lost, or the love you have found.

Here we stand at the dawning of our adult lives and uncertain futures. We are the last B.H. graduating class of the twentieth century It can truly be said that they saved the best for last! Mark Twain said, "Never let your schooling interfere with your education." Schoo surely is a valuable source of learning, but life is where true education is found. Our education most certainly will not stop today. Th past 12 years were not designed to prepare us for today, but to prepare us for the rest of our lives. The act of learning never stops, it' just the way we learn that changes. Our most important lessons must be gleaned from life in our own way, on our own terms, by ou own methods, as we must live with the consequences.

Today we celebrate, but we must also look ahead to tomorrow. My Dad has always driven home the fact that we must set goals so that we can move in a pre-determined direction. Goals keep you focused and it is good to remember that obstacles are only thos frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goals.

In closing, I would like to leave you with some wise words by Harold V. Melchert:

Live your life each day as you
Would climb a mountain.
An occasional glance toward the
Summit keeps the goal in mind,
But many beautiful scenes are
To be observed from each new
Vantage point.
Climb slowly, steadily, enjoying
Each passing moment; and the view
From the summit will serve as a
Fitting climax for the journey.

GUEST SPEAKER'S ADDRESS

I am so very honoured to be here with you on this significant day; delighted to share in your celebrations, your relief at what you have come through and your anxiety about what comes next! WHAT comes next? We don't know. We don't know what lies ahead of us or where life will take us. It took me from here to the West Coast, the East Coast and a lot of small places between. It took me from jobs in sales & retail to the restaurant & hotel trade, where I earned a good income, had a great social life, but didn't have much job satisfaction.

My mother, as mothers do, gave me a small book titled "Do what you love & the money will follow." It had some good advice! Advice that stressed the importance of knowing what you wanted from life, & of having a supportive family. So at 32 years of age I decided to make a change; I knew what I wanted from life: to be a happy person, to do something creative; I decided to be a chef!

You have probably heard that chefs are loud, highly strung, unreasonable 'prima donnas'. I can tell you that it's all true! When I approached some of them to ask their advice, some said that if they had it to do over again they wouldn't become a chef. Others said I would not last six months. And there were some who just said 'don't'. Well, I didn't take their advice. I enrolled in a professional cooking course. With a certificate in my hand, hope in my heart and my heart in my mouth, I tried for work as an apprentice chef. After being passed over for the younger and male job applicant in the more desirable restaurants, I turned to friends who were running a successful Michelin starred restaurant in Belfast. They agreed to take me on. My folks helped with a plane ticket. I had to say good-bye to family & friends & in almost no time at all I arrived in Belfast. That's Northern Ireland for any whose geography isn't the best, or who don't watch the news. Belfast has been in the news for the last thirty years . . . for all the wrong reasons. But let me tell you about some of the right ones.

Believe it or not, Belfast is a pleasant place to live in. It feels like Vancouver felt 25 years ago. I love walking down the street and looking in the eyes of a stranger to see a wee sparkle of a greeting, to get that nod and a wink. That is something that is special to Ireland, both north and south. And what was I doing there? **I was a slave! . . .**working a 60 hour week. Well, some of you might be thinking that's not much different from life at Balmoral Hall . . . perhaps, but at least you can understand what is being said to you.

In Belfast, when somebody spilled something, I wondered why they needed a map . . . . Later I found out they meant a mop! Craic means good conversation . . .(it's an old Irish word used all the time). And if someone asks you when you will be red up, it actually means when will you be finished! Anyway, there I was in a tiny, hot windowless kitchen in Belfast city centre, chained to a kitchen where the chef at the end of the day would say "there are 200 duck legs to prep", or "here is a stone of squid to be cleaned" or even worse, to clean out the oven, all before you could finish what was already a 13 hour day! After a year of this, it felt like I wasn't getting anywhere. The penny dropped. I had come to know what 'respect for the professional kitchen' meant and the importance of a good foundation and meticulous preparation. I learned how to taste. That less is really more. That quality is more important than quantity. And that you truly get back what you put in . . . . . in life as well as in cooking! I learned the value of friendship . . . and the support of my family who encouraged me.

My employer asked me to take charge of the Kitchen in their new venture . . . a small café in the heart of Belfast. It was an exciting time. I found I loved the pressure, & the responsibility. I also met my partner Stephen during this time; I'm pleased to say he's made the trip across the Atlantic with me to be here today. I had always dreamed of having my own restaurant. Stephen shared my dream and together we began to look for a suitable location. I continued to work in various restaurants, as a chef, as a waitress, and as a manager, to get as much experience as I could. With some excellent advice again from friends, I went to London to work in the River Café, one of the capital's best places.

After a several false starts, Stephen & I found what we were looking for. Holywood is a little town just outside Belfast on the shores of Belfast Lough. In the middle of the town , is High Street. At the centre of High Street is our restaurant . . . down 'Patton's lane', & up a short flight of stairs & into an atmosphere which we have made welcoming, fresh, & exciting; where people can meet and enjoy a bit of craic together.

Our vision for a restaurant was to have something different, something modern. We wanted to create a new experience in the northern Irish dining scene. We had no idea of the many many decisions that had to be made, let alone the convincing of the bank manager and ourselves that we were doing the right thing. There were many other things to trouble us: Keeping the peace between the plumber, & the builder, not to mention the painters, the electrician & the burst pipe that flooded the entire restaurant. In spite of this, we continued to move forward even with some people expressing shock at our colours & disbelief at our boldness. And then . . . . . What were we going to call our restaurant?

We took the name Fontana from the artist Lucio Fontana, who had a firm conviction that in an age of great technological developments art should respond to unprecedented challenges. This conviction prompted the remark he made when talking about his work "C'est l'idee qui compte"; by this he wished to stress the crucial importance of the concept on which the work should be based. For me cooking is an art & our concept of Fontana is our expression of that art in Holywood, County of Down in the North of Ireland.

Fontana has just celebrated its first year in business. We've been included in the 1999 edition of the Bridgestone guide, titled "The top 100 Restaurants in Ireland" with a special footnote giving our room the listing as the best place to be seen in. We've been featured in several up market magazines and we most recently had the Canadian Minister for Foreign Trade, the Honourable Sergio Marchi, host a lunch with us for Northern Ireland's leading business men & women.

Fontana Restaurant has taught me the importance of believing in your ideas and that if you show enough enthusiasm for them, others will believe in them too. It has shown me the value of friends & family, for all I needed to do was ask. People love to help if only they are asked. I learned the importance of a strong foundation built on education & experience. But most of all, I learned to believe in myself, & that only then could I make my dream a reality!

Soon it will be the end of the nineteen hundreds. We are about to start a new century & millennium. Balmoral Hall has given you, the Class of '99, a brilliant foundation, friends to support you. The possibilities for your future are unlimited. Only you can know what your dream is, & you don't know where it might take you.

The possibilities for all of you are breath taking **. . . . so take a deep breath and go.**

Colleen Bennett
17th June 1999

The Closing Garden Party

Above: Mrs. Mann, Katie, and Lyndsay planning strategy to get Lyndsay's tassel out of the tree!
Below: Sensei Saunders snaps Minori and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kuroishi.

Top: Jennifer, Johanna, Jessica, Rena, and Megan.
Above Left: Dorice Tepley congratulates Kathy.
Above Right: Roberta and Kathy sign Crystal's graduate autograph dog.
Below: Cara and her family.

The Graduates of 1999

Grad Dinner and Dance

Above: Erin Palmer and Sarah Coates toast the Graduates.
Above Right: Crystal Bewza and Gunwant Sandhu toast the Board of Governors.
Far Right: Heidi Grant and Rena Sharfe.
Below: Pam Delaquis, Jasper Sandhu, Kathy Rogozinski, Jessica Jacobs-Mino, Ashley Taillieu, and Lindsay Ross-Stewart.
Below Right: Watching the traditional slide show of memories.

Menu

House Greens with Balsamic & Sundried Cranberry Vinaigrette
Rolls and Butter

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Roast Chicken Breast with Foccacio Stuffing and Apple Cider Jus
Buttered Tri-coloured Fusilli Pasta
Fresh Market Vegetables

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Mini Chocolate Grand Marnier Mousse Cake

Coffee or Tea

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After Grad Party

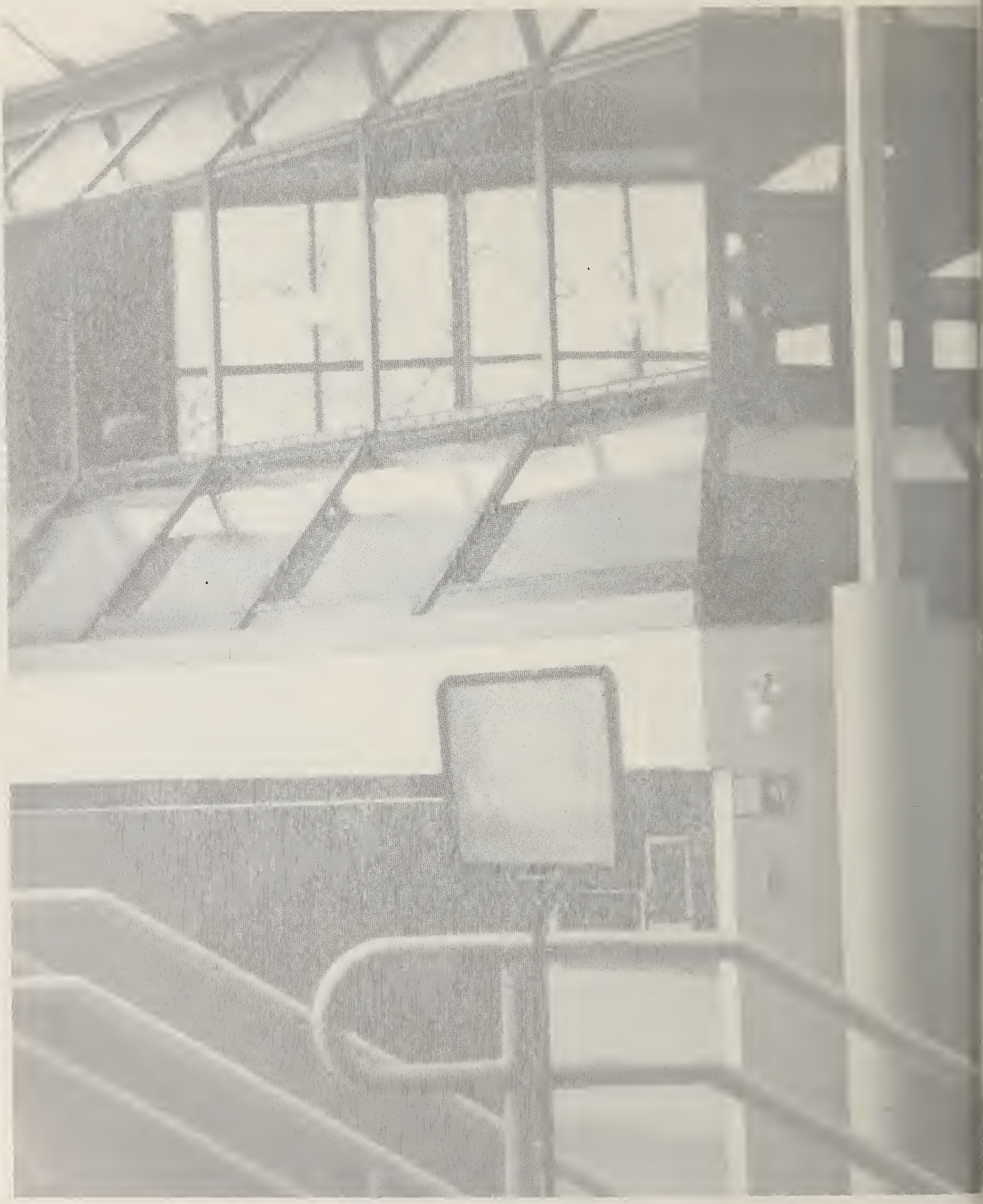
Above: Pam, Jill, Lyndsay, Below: Crazy Chaperones

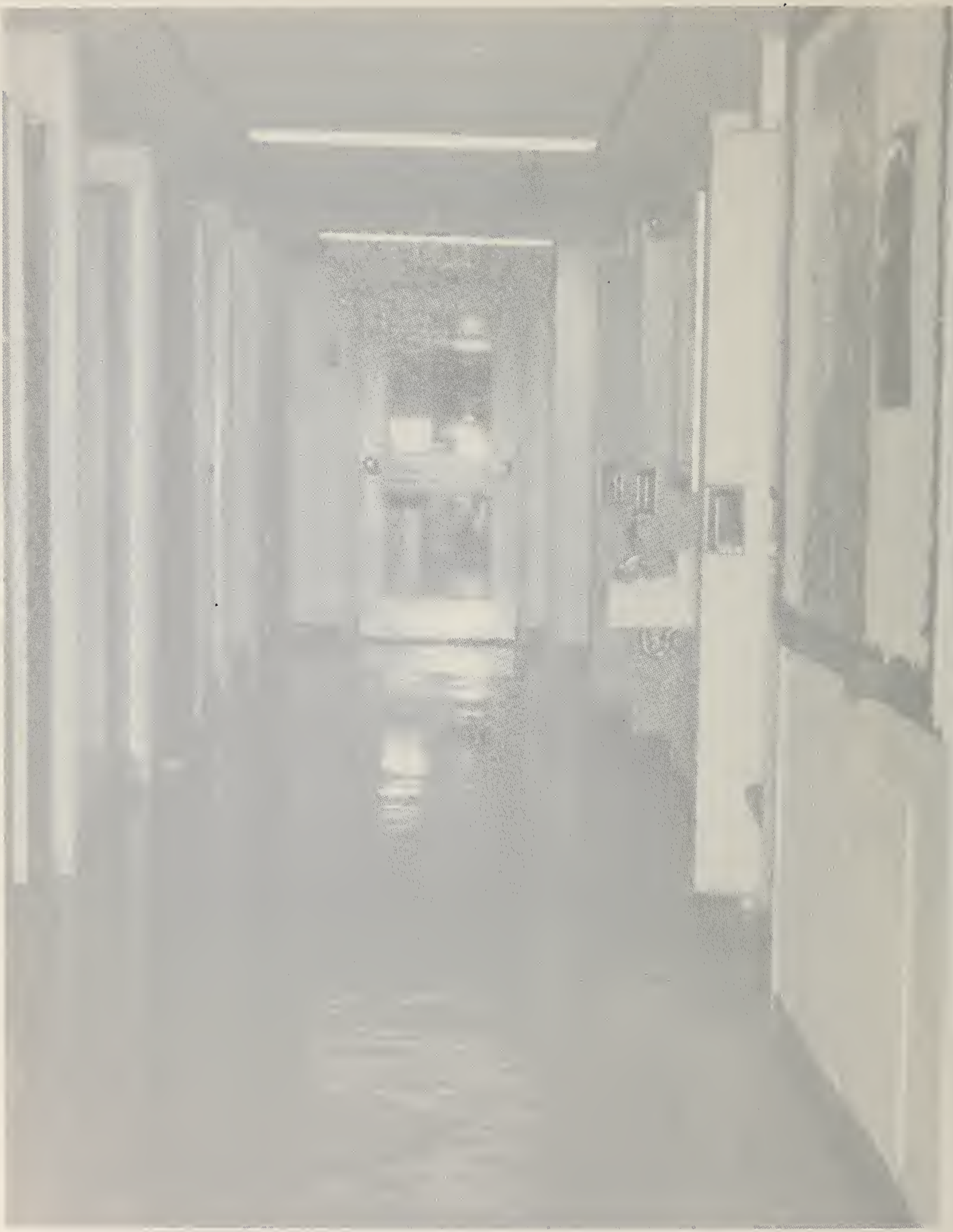
Above: On the bus, Below: Crystal, Ayns B., Kathy

Jo F.

Megan and Gunwant

Kassi and Jasper





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